



News Worth Sharing: COVID Testing & Updates

Sunday, December 19, 2021

COVID Testing at the Transfer Station

A reminder that the schedule at the test site at the Kent Transfer Station will change slightly for the next two weeks to **Monday and Wednesday**, 4:00-7:00p, to accommodate holiday travel. *There is no testing on the next two Thursdays.*

- **Monday**, December 20 | **Wednesday**, December 22
- **Monday**, December 27 | **Wednesday**, December 29

As always:

FREE drive-through PCR testing is open to all | No appointment needed | PCR test results available in 24-48 hours | Must have an email address to get test results | Priority lane for First Responders

Download forms to bring: [Consent form](#) | [COVID Testing form](#) (this is a fillable pdf)

Questions? Read the "[Getting My Test Results FAQ](#)"

Forms are also available on our website: www.townofkentct.org

Some news we're monitoring:

Sema4, the company providing bi-weekly testing services for the Town of Kent through a State contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), has informed DPH that it will discontinue providing COVID testing as of January 15th, 2022.

Sema4 was one of four companies hired by DPH as testing providers to manage 23 testing sites across the state. DPH has notified the Town of Kent of Sema4's intent to discontinue services, and that they are in conversations with all of the testing providers on the state contract about how to best transition the 23 state-supported testing sites.

Since we started the site back up, Sema4 has tested 1266 people at the Transfer Station.

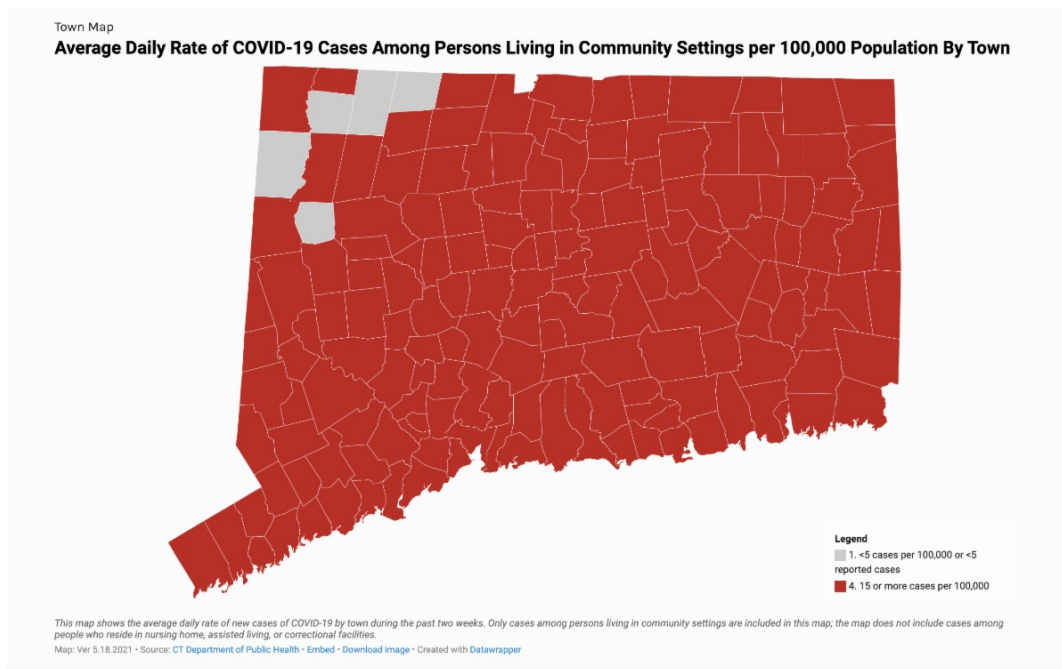
Testing is also available at the following locations:

- Kent Station Pharmacy, 38 North Main Street, Kent | www.kentstationpharmacy.com/
- John Pettibone Community Center, 2 Pickett District Road, New Milford through the New Milford Department of Health | www.newmilford.org/

COVID infection rates rising at a concerning rate across

the state:

As we prepare for the holidays and colder weather, please continue to take precautions. Our community has been a stand out when it comes to staying safe throughout the pandemic. As the current map showing the average daily rate clearly illustrates, it's important to continue to stay vigilant. Click the Data Tracker button for detailed information about the map below.



[click to visit the CT Data Tracker](#)

The following information was presented by Governor Need Lamont yesterday:

- Of the 736 patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, 563 (76.5%) are not fully vaccinated.
- For the week beginning December 5, 2021, unvaccinated persons had a 5.5x greater risk of testing positive for COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated persons.
- For the week beginning December 5, 2021, unvaccinated persons had a 20.1x greater risk of dying from COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated persons.

Vaccination and Boosters: If you are eligible and have not yet been vaccinated, it's easier than ever to get the vaccine as well as booster shots. Third "booster" doses of COVID-19 vaccines are now available and recommended for everyone age 18 and over. There are two vaccine sites in Kent - Kent Station Pharmacy and High Watch Recovery Vaccination Site at Kent Barns. To find out more and register for a vaccine or booster click the button below.

[click to visit the CT Vaccine Portal](#)

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