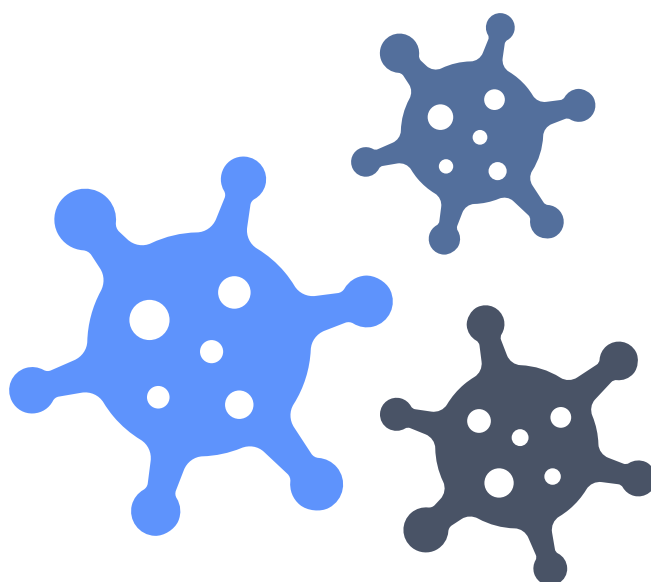




March 24, 2023

Covid-19 Report



Also available on www.hvhdct.gov/blog/

Update from Heidi Bettcher, Community Health Nursing Supervisor

Housatonic Valley Health District (HVHD) has made some changes to our appointment scheduling procedures.

As of March 9, 2023, you will need to use [this link](#) to request an immunization appointment (e.g. childhood routine immunization, COVID-19 vaccination, flu vaccination, etc). Once you complete either of these confidential forms, a Community Health team member will be in touch with next steps. Please allow 2-3 business days to receive a response.

Additionally, as of March 28, 2023, HVHD will no longer be conducting **Rapid PCR COVID-19 testing**.

The Federal Government has now made **four free self-test kits available per household** which can be ordered by visiting www.covid.org/tests.

Connecticut Department of Public Health has partnered with four federal qualified health centers that offer no-cost COVID-19 testing and treatment including:

- Charter Oak Health Center Inc, 21 Grand St, Hartford
- Fair Haven Community Health Clinic, 374 Grand Ave, New Haven
- Family Centers Health Care, 111 Wilbur Peck Court, Greenwich
- Southwest Community Health Center, 1020 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport

We are happy to announce that HVHD is now reporting data for the Town of Sharon as part of a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health grant!

Also available on www.hvhdct.gov/blog/



**HEIDI BETTCHER, BSN, RN,
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR**

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COVID-19 Case Summary



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New deaths since 3/9/23 report

22.38

weekly case rate per 100K residents
from March 23, 2023 report

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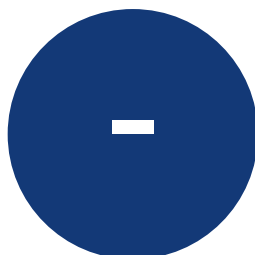
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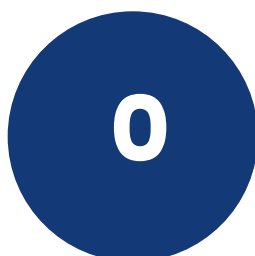
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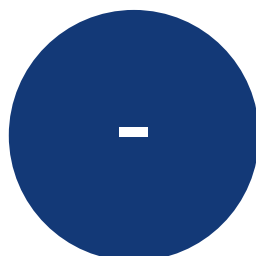
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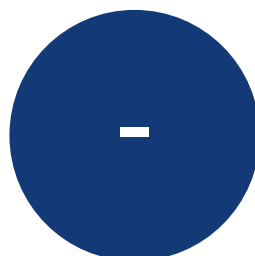
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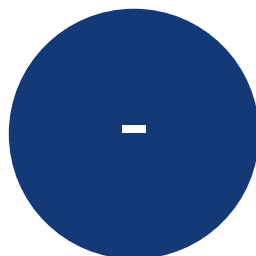
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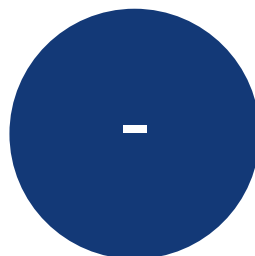
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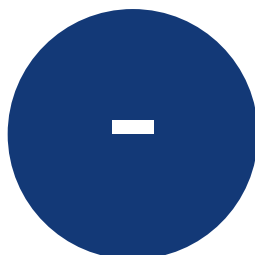
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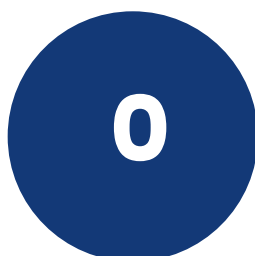
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Sharon Data

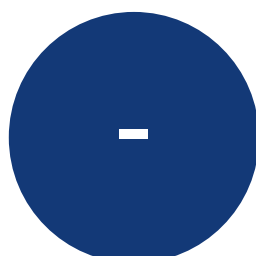
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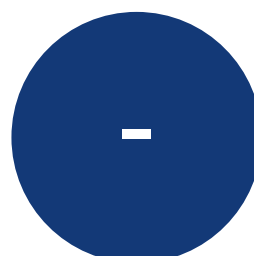
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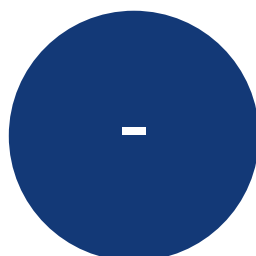
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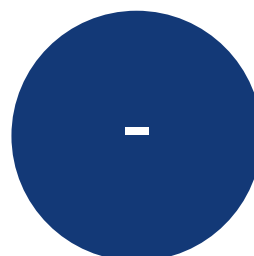
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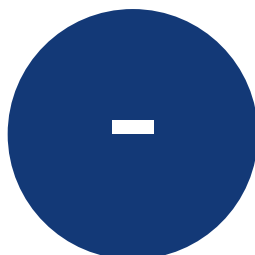
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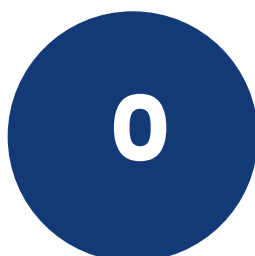
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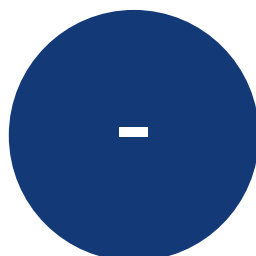
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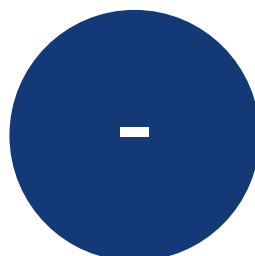
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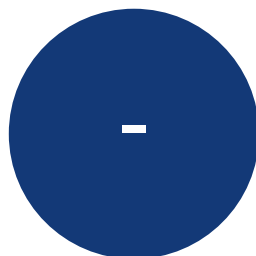
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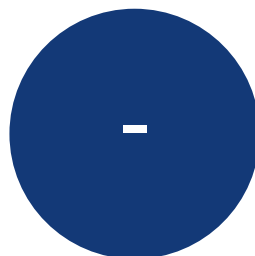
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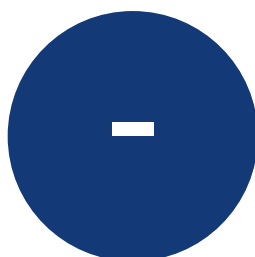
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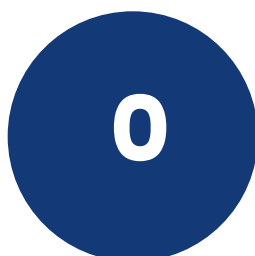
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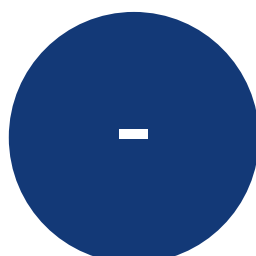
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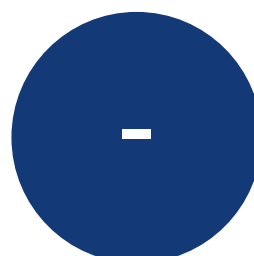
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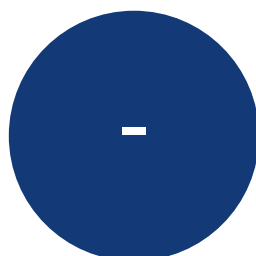
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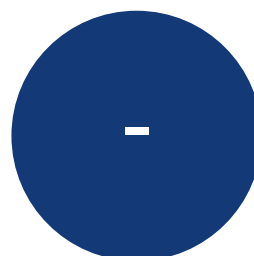
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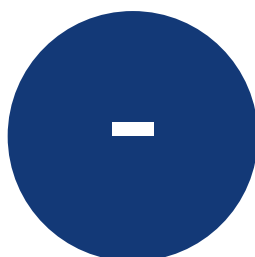
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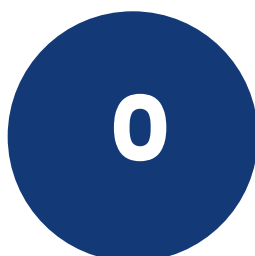
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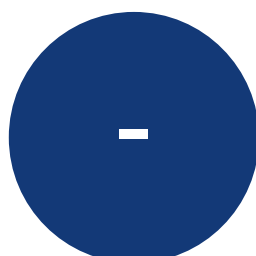
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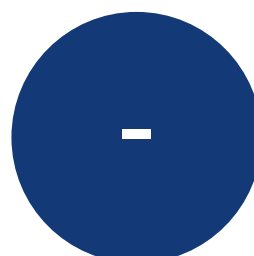
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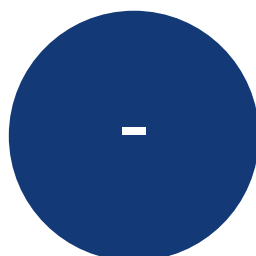
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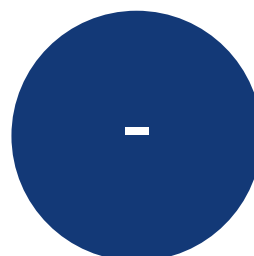
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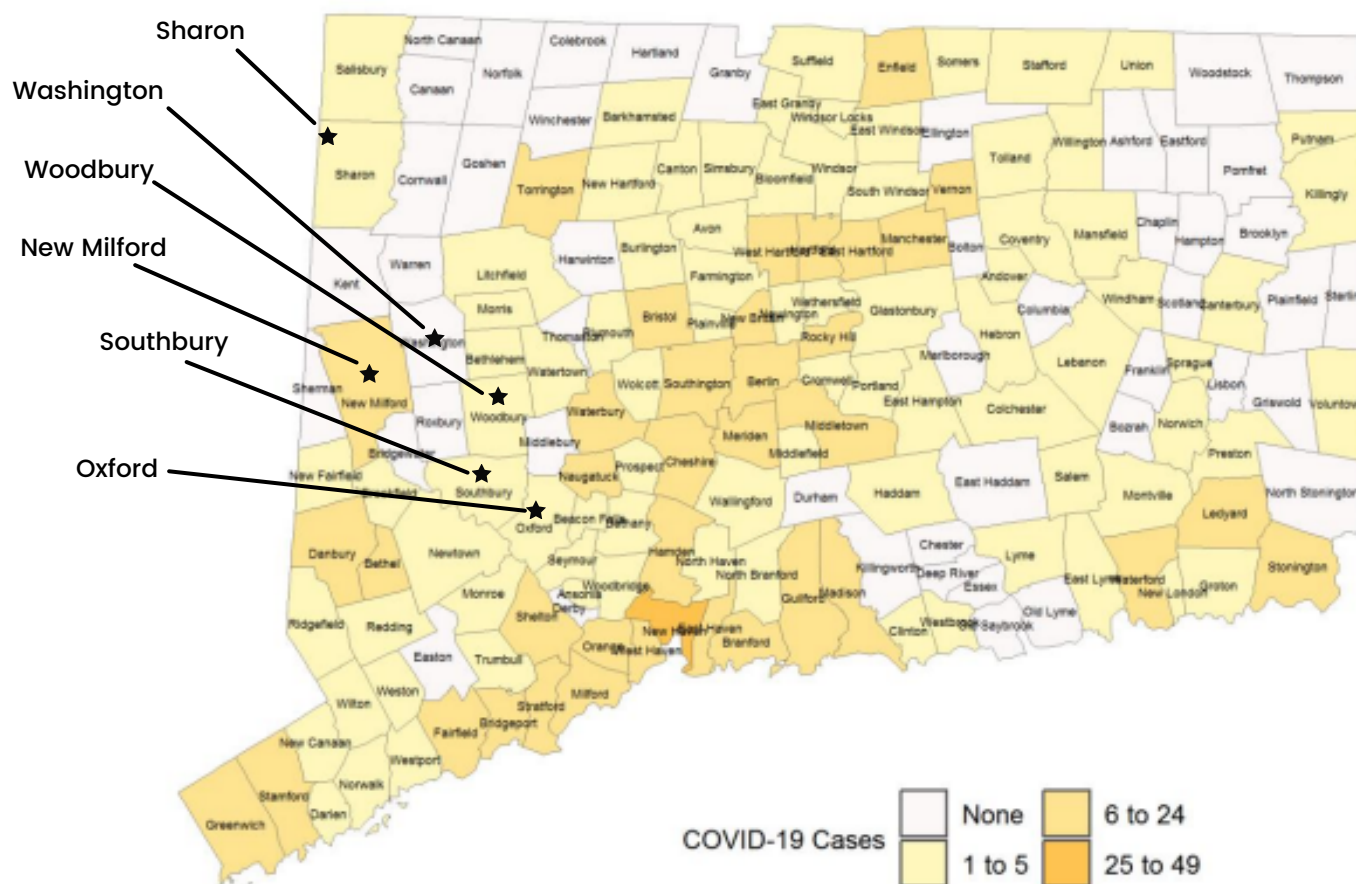
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Source: CT DPH COVID-19 Town Level Data

State of Connecticut: Case Trends

Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town
with Specimen Collection date during March 16-22



Map does not include 3 cases pending address validation

Updated: March 23, 2023

Source: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary11182021.pdf>

State of Connecticut: Variant Surveillance Trends

CTDPH has provided SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance, as depicted below. The table below shows data on variants of concern and variants being monitored identified among Connecticut residents. No variants of high consequence have been defined by CDC to date.

Retrieved from stateofhealth.ct.gov on 6/30/2022.

Variant	Number	Percentage
Omicron	32,013	59.00
Delta	17,231	31.76
Alpha	2,524	4.65
Iota	1,083	2.00
Other	1,051	1.94
Gamma	137	0.25
Mu	84	0.15
Epsilon	60	0.11
Lambda	38	0.07
Beta	23	0.04
Eta	10	0.02
Kappa	2	0.00
Zeta	1	0.00

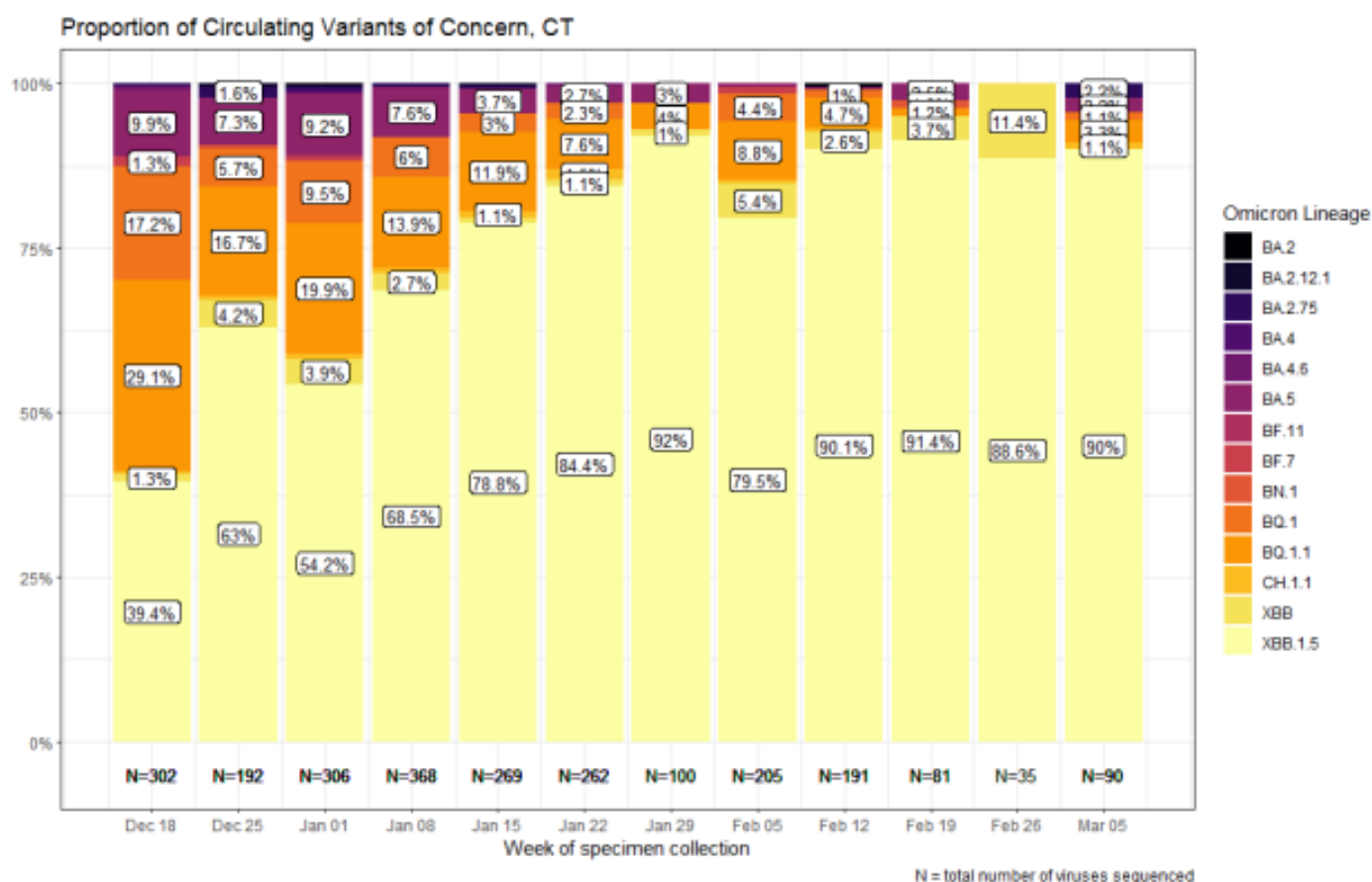
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Source: <https://stateofhealth.ct.gov/content/coronavirus/weekly/ctdphcovid19Summary.pdf>

State of Connecticut: Variant Surveillance Trends

Per the CTDPH Weekly Extended Data Report from June 30, 2022, the figure below shows the change in proportion of circulating variants of concern by week reported to DPH from 1/12/2021 - 12/23/2022.

Retrieved from stateofhealth.ct.gov on 6/30/2022.



Updated: March 23, 2023

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Housatonic Valley Health District: Trends & Analysis

New Milford saw a decrease. The table below shows HVHD (New Milford, Oxford, Southbury, Washington, and Woodbury) in comparison to the 6 surrounding towns in Connecticut.

March 17 – March 23, 2023			March 3 – March 9, 2023		
Town	Case Rate	NAAT test percent positivity		Case Rate	NAAT test percent positivity
Bridgewater	-	-		-	-
Brookfield	-	-		-	-
Danbury	10.62	3.72%		7.08	3.86%
New Milford	22.38	8.2%		18.65	6.86%
Newtown	-	-		21.51	1.88%
Oxford	-	-		-	-
Roxbury	-	-		-	-
Sharon	-	-		-	-
Southbury	-	-		30.65	7.53%
Washington	-	-		-	-
Woodbury	-	-		-	-

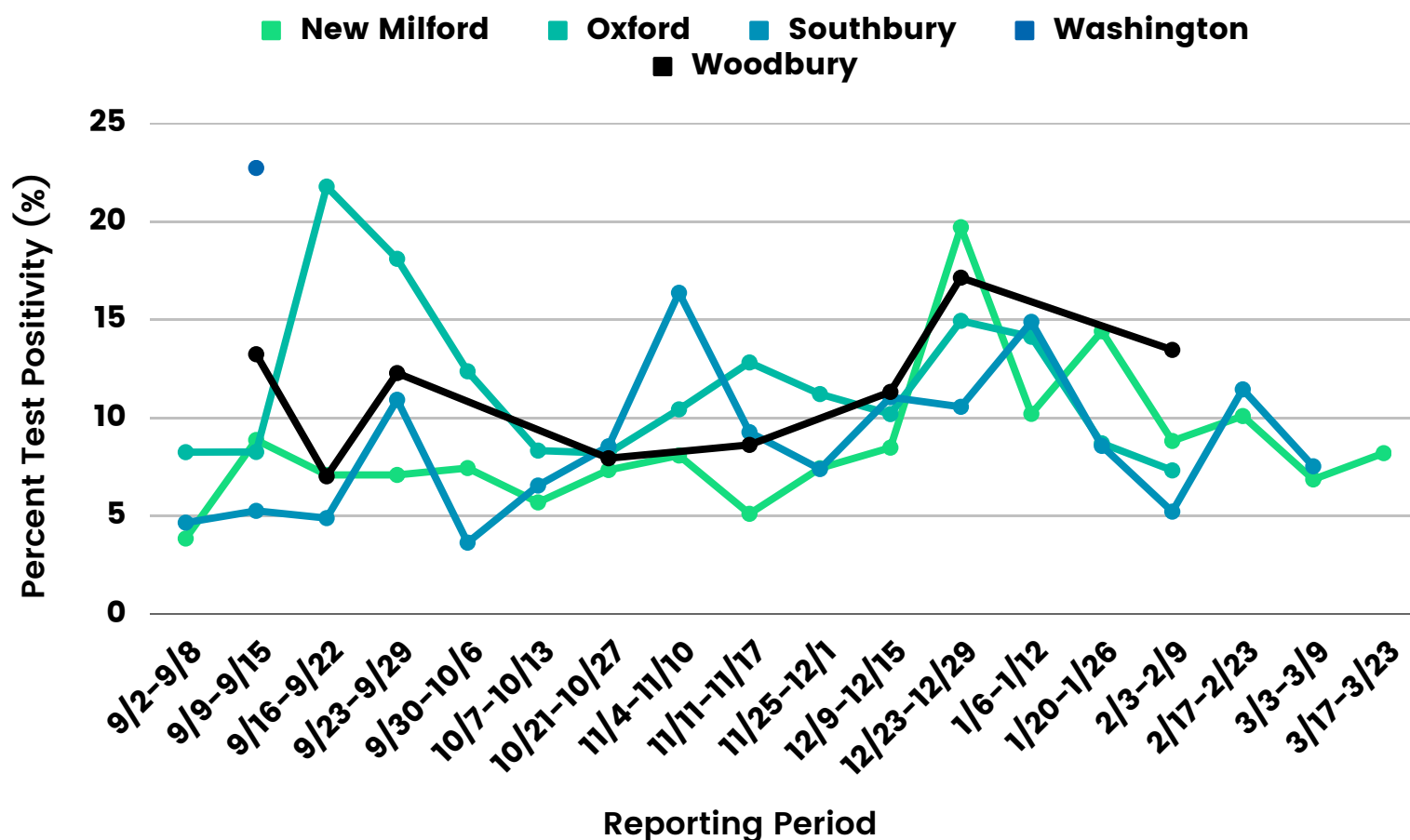
Analyzing cases per 100,000 residents helps track the incidence rate of COVID-19 in the community and allows for standard comparisons between communities.

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Housatonic Valley Health District: Trends & Analysis

The chart below shows percent test positivity among New Milford, Oxford, Southbury, Washington, and Woodbury over an 13 reporting period.

Percent Test Positivity Among HVHD From 9/2/22 to Current Reporting Period



As of 6/30/22, CTDPH has changed how they report percent positivity. The 6/23-6/30 reporting period reflects a 7 day NAAT test percent positivity. Future reporting periods will also reflect this change.

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Housatonic Valley Health District Vaccination Clinics

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

HVHD continues to hold regular vaccination clinics.
Visit www.hvhd.us to view our Vaccination Clinic Schedule.

23,551

Total Number of COVID-19 Shots Administered
as of March 23, 2023

Flu Vaccination Clinics

HVHD continues to hold regular vaccination clinics.
Visit www.hvhd.us to view our Vaccination Clinic Schedule.

~2,700

Total Number of flu Shots Administered
September 12 – December 15, 2022

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Ages 18+	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; 3-8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; 4-8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series Anyone who received J&J may receive a 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least 4 months after their 1st booster Ages 50+ can choose to receive a 2nd booster
Ages 12 – 17 years	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; 3-8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	N/A
Ages 5 – 11 years	Primary Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; 3 – 8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	Primary Series: (ages 6 – 12 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	N/A
Ages 6 months – 5 years	Primary Series: (ages 6 mo. – 4 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3- 8 weeks apart between 1st & 2nd dose At least 8 weeks between 2nd & 3rd dose Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 8 weeks after second monovalent primary series dose. 	Primary Series: (ages 6 mo. – 5 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 8 weeks apart Booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bivalent booster; 2 months after the final dose in the primary series 	N/A

Definitions:

- Primary series = 2 – 3 doses of Pfizer & Moderna; 1 dose of J&J
- Booster = additional dose
- Up to date = if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC
- Fully vaccinated = 2 weeks after final dose in primary series
- Monovalent = only 1 antigen in a vaccine
- Bivalent = a vaccine that works by stimulating an immune response against 2 different antigens (i.e. omicron BA.4 and BA.5)

COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies



Daycare Recommendations



Schools Recommendations



Community Recommendations



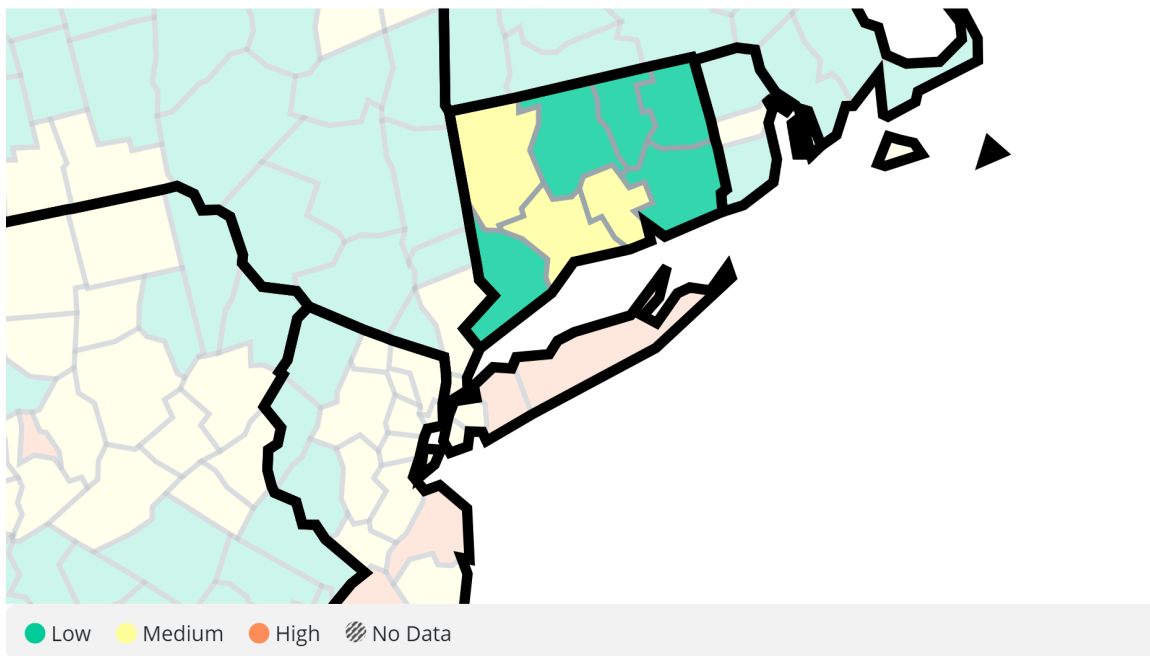
Business Recommendations

Visit www.hvhd.us/covid-19/covid-19-recommendations/

COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 Community Level (CDC)

COVID-19 Community Levels in Connecticut



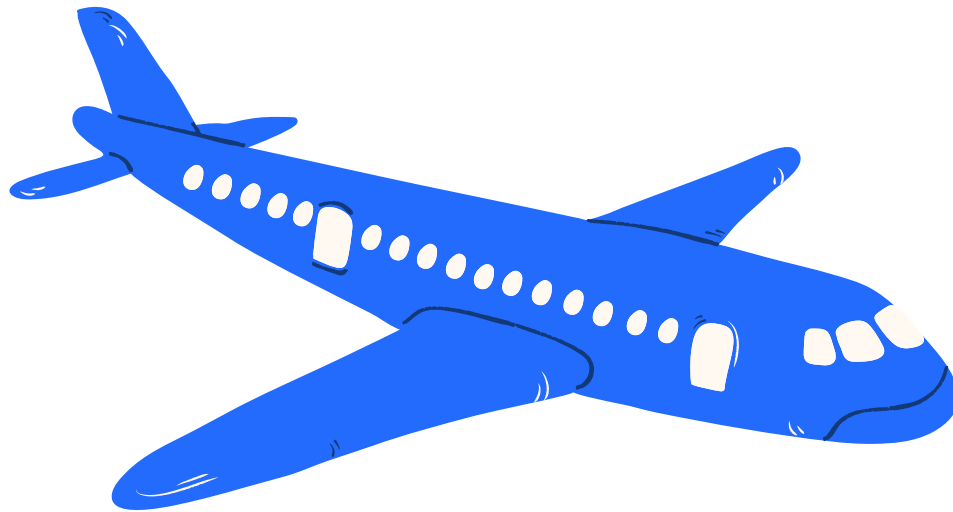
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Visit www.covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view
for more information.

COVID-19 Resources

Domestic & International Travel Recommendations (CDC)



On December 28, 2022, CDC announced negative COVID-19 test requirement from air passengers entering the United States from the People's Republic of China. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html for more information on traveling.