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**Wallingford Board of Health**  
**45 South Main Street, Town Hall**  
**Minutes of May 4, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 8:37 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Acting Director of Health.

**Present:** Mayor Dickinson, Jeffrey Necio, Kathy Neelon, Dr. Delbert Smith, Isaac Cardona, Len Guercia, Adrianna Rodriguez, Vanessa Bautista

**Excused:** Melinda Schoen, Daryll Porto

**Directors Report (See attached):**

1. **Staffing:** Vanessa discussed her temporary role as Acting Director of Health and hiring updates on the full-time Senior Clerk position. Mayor stated Eloise Hazelwood will be coming back as Director of Health until the permanent DOH position is filled.
2. **School Health:** Kathy Neelon shared the current level of Covid-19 cases in the public schools and possible Covid-19 parameters for schools. In addition, Kathy discussed how Narcan had been incorporated across all Wallingford schools.
3. **Infectious Diseases: Covid-19 update:** Vanessa presented the latest data from Wallingford and Connecticut regarding case numbers and vaccination rates. The Department is currently responding to a TB case in Town. The nurse and Acting Director of Health will conduct interviews and monitor the patient's health status.
4. **Administrative:**
  - The Department has received a donation from Roehm for the MRC. Funds will be utilized to continue the training and recruitment of new volunteers.
  - The Department is in the process of receiving funds from DMHAS to continue to work with the Wallingford Coalition and support opioid safety info sessions provided to local pharmacies.
  - In addition, the Health Department will be receiving funds from DPH to implement local level suicide prevention, intervention, and response. This program will consist of a professional therapist intervention specialist working after hours in conjunction with the police department and youth and social services.
  - ELC1 grant funding will expire on November 30, 2022. ELC2 application has been revised and submitted to DPH on April 7, 2022. Upon approval, the Department will hire two contact tracers and continue to work with SCOW to implement community health vaccination clinics, conduct contact tracing and provide bilingual services related to Covid-19 and influenza health education.
  - FSE licenses are to expire on June 30, 2022. The renewal application and letters were sent out on April 29, 2022.
  - A booster clinic was held at the Wallingford Public Library on May 3, 2022, vaccinating about 55 residents. In addition, the Department will continue to offer homebound vaccination appointments for those who meet the program's criteria.

**Next Meeting:** September 7, 2022

**Meeting adjourned** 9:02 am

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vanessa Bautista*

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**Wallingford Board of Health  
Director's Report for May 4, 2022**

**1. School Health:** Kathy Neelon

**2. Infectious Diseases:** Covid-19 Response/Update, Vanessa Bautista (PowerPoint Slides)

**Administrative:**

- Donation from Roehm America LLC
- Accepting Grant from Mental Health and Addiction Services for Opioid Response and the Department of Public Health
- CDC's ELC 2 (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement Funding)
- Foodservice license renewal in July
- Vaccine Clinics

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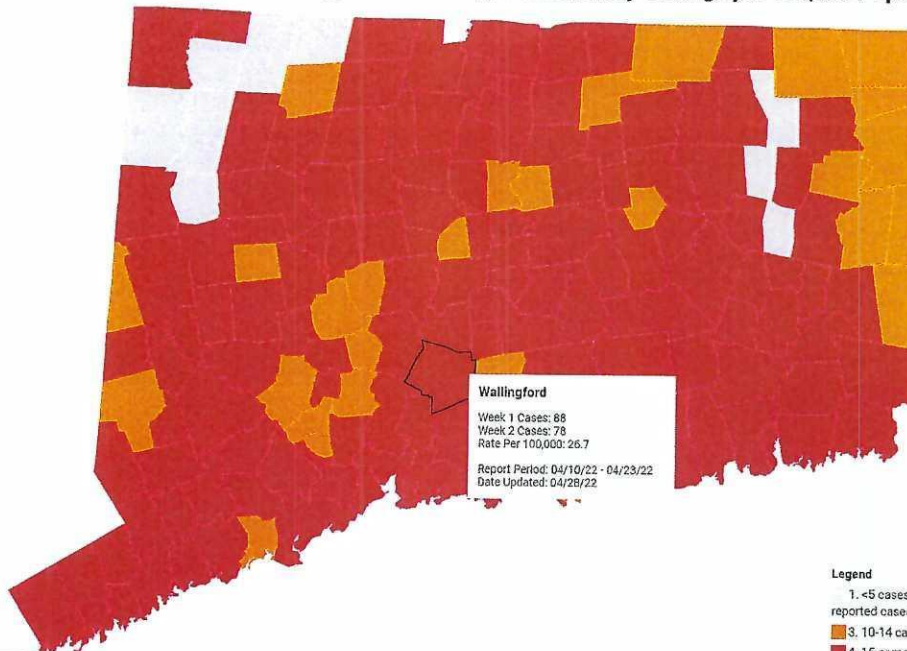
# COVID-19 UPDATE

## WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date of Report: May 3, 2022  
Vanessa K. Bautista, BSc, RS  
Acting Director of Health

Town Map

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town





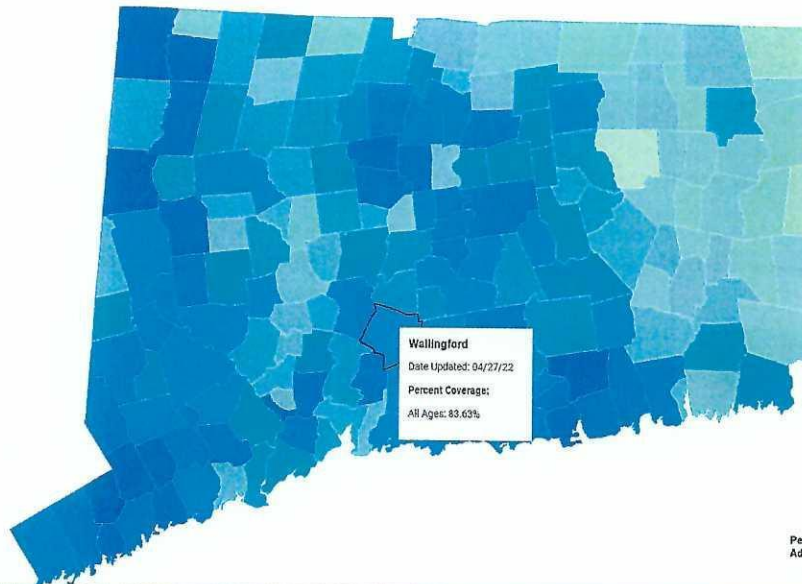
# 14 DAY CASE RATES (4/10/22-4/23/22) OF SURROUNDING TOWNS

(SOURCE CT DPH, UPDATED 4/28/22)

- Meriden – 140
- North Haven – 91
- Hamden - 245
- North Branford - 62
- Wallingford – 166
- Cheshire – 89
- Durham – 13

## Cumulative Percent of Population All Ages Who Have at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination by Town

As reported to the CT Immunization Registry (CT WIZ)



## VACCINATION RATES IN CT TOWNS WITH 30,000-50,000 POPULATION

(DATA SOURCE CT DPH, UPDATED 4/27/22)

- Wallingford -84%
- Middletown – 83%
- Southington – 81%
- Shelton – 81%
- Vernon – 81%
- Naugatuck – 74%
- Norwich – 74%
- Groton – 73%
- Enfield – 69%

## WALLINGFORD VACCINATION STATISTICS BY AGE

(DATA SOURCE CT DPH, UPDATED 4/28/22)

- 5-11 years old – 44% (1,485)
- 12-17 years old – 83% (2,635)
- 18-24 years old – 90% (3,093)
- 25-44 years old – 86% (9,408)
- 45-64 years old – 82% (11,449)
- 65+ years old – 100% (9,001)

# CT COVID-19 DATA SUMMARY

(DATA SOURCE CT DPH, UPDATED 5/3/22)

## Connecticut COVID-19 Summary

Overall Summary	Cumulative (except for hospital census)	Past 7 days*
Positive PCR/NAAT Tests	824,643	6310
All PCR/NAAT Tests	14,100,054	63159
Test Positivity (pos/all PCR/NAAT)		9.99%
Patients currently hospitalized with COVID-19	236	+ 45

*Test positivity is calculated as a rolling 7-day test positivity by specimen collection date; all positive molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results are divided by all molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results (positive and negative) for the last 7 days and multiplied by 100 to reach a percentage.*

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## UPCOMING CLINICS

Homebound vaccination appointments are available for those who meet the criteria of the program. To schedule homebound vaccination contact the Health Department directly.