



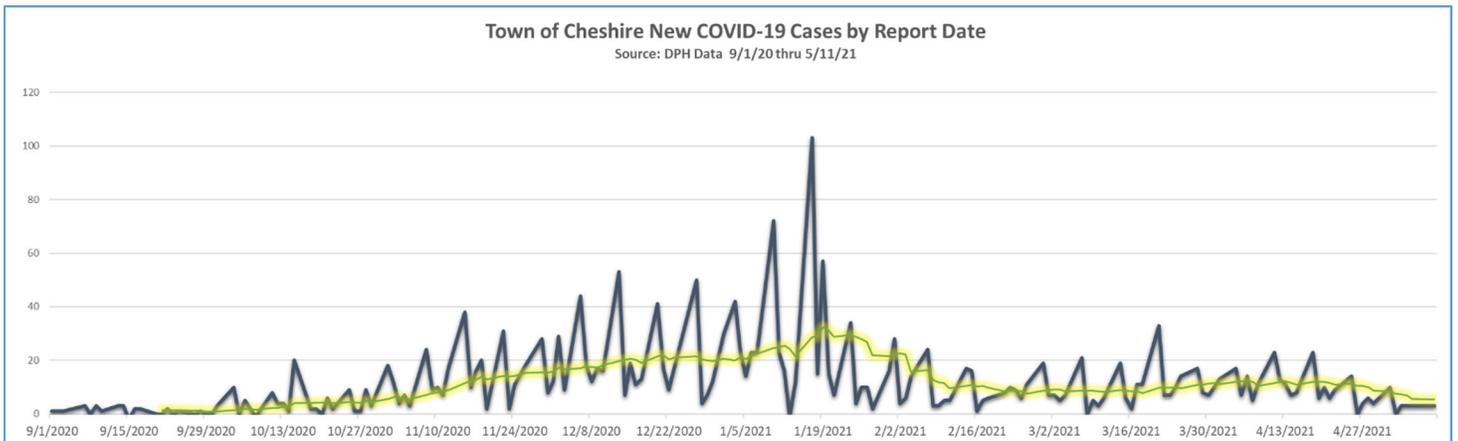
**MEMORANDUM
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TO: Town Council
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SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – May 2021
DATE: May 11, 2021

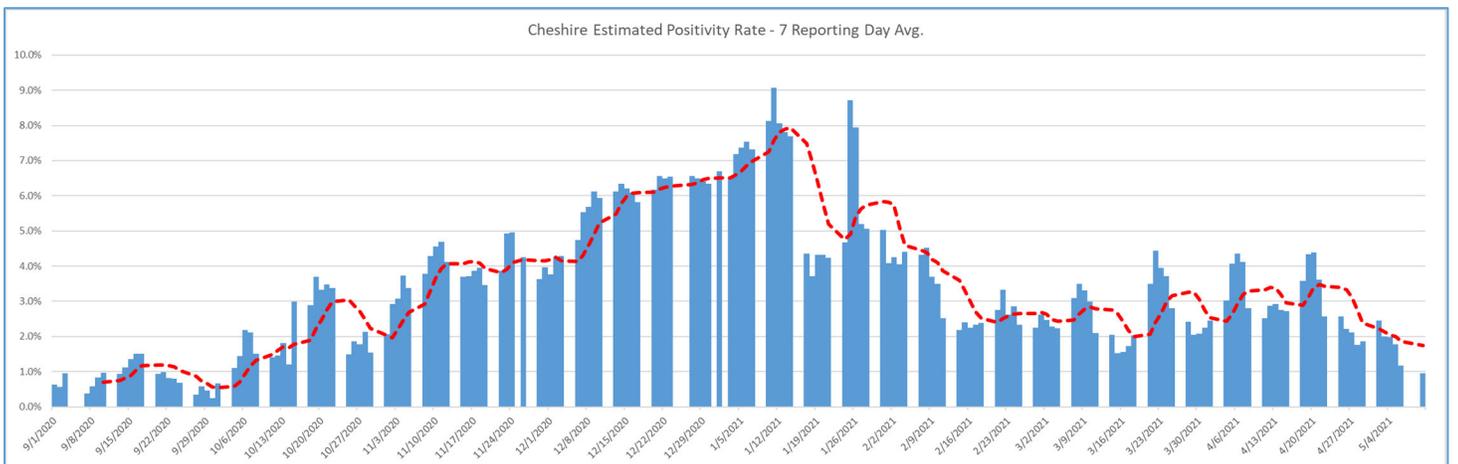
COVID-19 Pandemic Data and Vaccine Rollout

The rate of new COVID-19 cases in Cheshire has remained relatively stable over the past three months and has actually gradually declined over the prior month from April to May. Most recent data reports show Cheshire at 14.4 daily cases per 100k population.

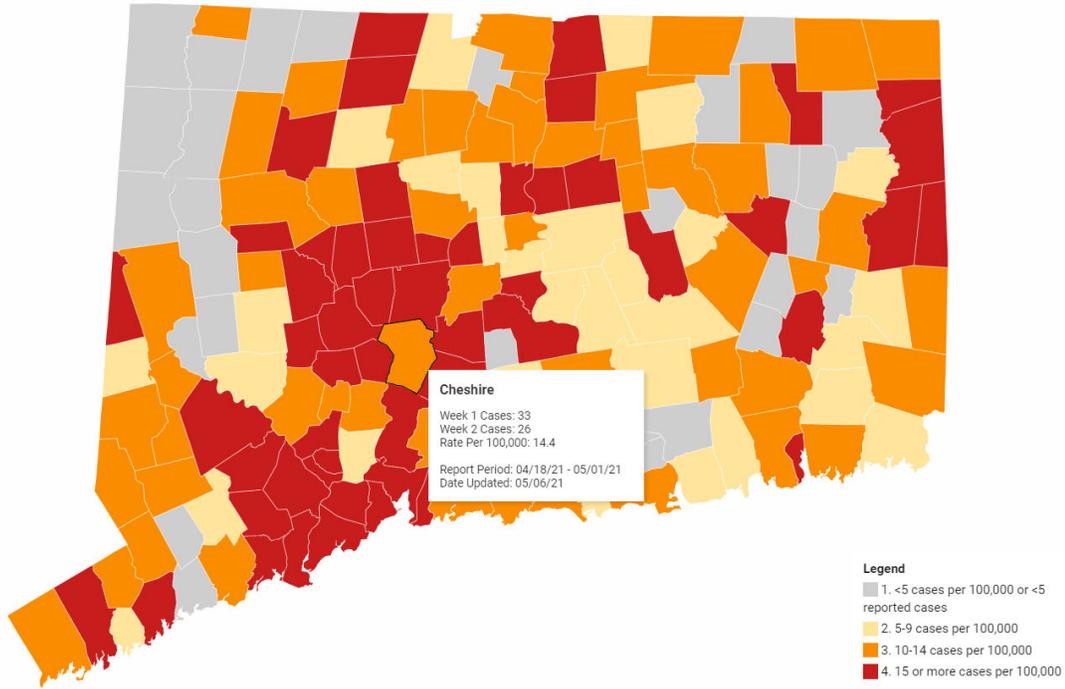
As shown on the chart below, the total number of additional positive cases per reporting day remains significantly lower than the peak experienced in December, January and early-February. The yellow line represents a moving 14-day average.



Our local positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days stands at 1.0% (28 positives over 7 days in Cheshire out of 2,923 tests):



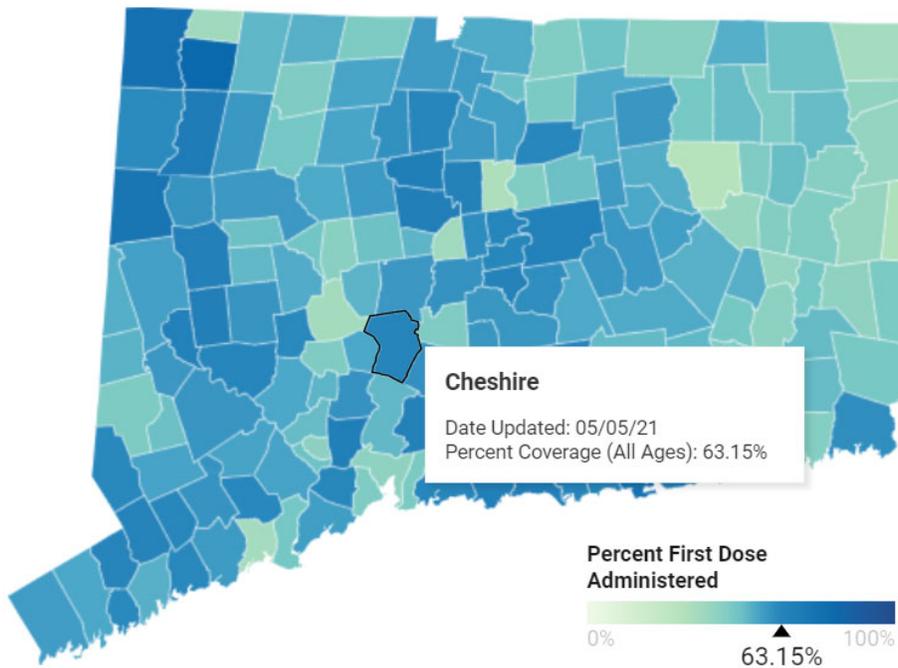
Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



Vaccine clinics have concluded at the Cheshire Community Pool and Chesprocott has moved to Cheshire High School for additional targeted clinics for 16+ and now 12-15 year old populations beginning this coming weekend. All clinics remain open to anyone of any age who wishes to be vaccinated.

To date, 63.15% of all Cheshire residents have received at least one vaccination dose.

Percent of Population All Ages Who Have at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination



Town Services Expansion Update

Human Services Department. Counseling is still virtual as are many support and information programs, but social services assistance programs are accessible in person, as is crisis intervention.

The Senior Center is open to visitors from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with some restrictions, and they are offering Grab and Go lunches, one-on-one and curbside assistance, and programs on Zoom or outdoors. Transportation is fully operational. The Yellow House is gearing up for outdoor programs in the summer with a large tent, and is continuing virtual programming.

The **Library** will be open to visitors during regular hours the beginning of July. Currently, the Library is open to the public the following hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Grab n' Go program, with pickup hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., continues to be very popular. Staff will continue virtual programming, and will be adding some tables and chairs and planning for enhanced cleaning in preparation for slowly beginning in-person programming. They are also working in conjunction with Recreation for some outdoor summer programs.

The **Building Department** has been conducting exterior and non-living area inspections throughout the pandemic, and is now transitioning to fully in-person inspections for those applicants who are comfortable with inspectors entering their living spaces. Photo inspections will continue to be offered for a period of time. The volume of permits continues to be much higher than usual.

Senior Center Elderly Nutrition Program reminder

The Elderly Nutrition Program has returned to the Cheshire Senior Center. Grab and Go lunches will be available, for a suggested donation of \$3.00, every Tuesday and Friday between 11:00 am – 11:30 am . This program is available to all Cheshire residents ages 60 and over. For more details contact the Senior Center at (203) 272-0047 or [click here](#).

Congratulations to Lieutenant Michael Durkee

Last week on May 6th, Lt. Michael Durkee successfully graduated from the Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. This is a highly regarded, intensive twelve-week advanced police management course designed to develop informed, effective, ethically and technically competent law enforcement managers. We congratulate Mike on his successful completion of this prestigious program.

DPW/Recreation Park Upgrades

Kudos to the Public Works Department with the support of Recreation Director John Gawlak as a variety of improvements have been made at Town parks this season, with ultimate credit to the Town Council for the capital investment approval from FY20. Notable recent projects include:

- Full restoration of the beach sand at Mixville later this month
- Mixville Park Basketball Court rehabilitation and new paint to match other 3 courts in town
- New gatehouse for Mixville with electricity/wifi for mobile payments
- New Mixville sign and new orientation being completed by an Eagle Scout
- New gazebo installed at the Cheshire Dog Park to replace wind-damaged one
- New ADA accessible swing at Cheshire Park playground following resident request
- New temporary outfield fence purchased for Mac Field 4
- Full turf/infield rehabilitation of the McNamara diamond fields and dugout improvements:



Upcoming Special Solid Waste/Recycling Events

- **Grass Clippings and Leaves Disposal** - Monday mornings until November – grass and leaves can be dropped off at the Old Transfer Station (1304 Waterbury Rd.) from 7:30 am to 8:30 am – Residents only, no contractors. (Free)
- **Household Hazardous Waste** – RWA Hazwaste Central opens Saturday, May 22nd – pre-registration is required by RWA and a link is available on our website below.

More details on all of these events can be found here:

https://www.cheshirect.org/news/upcoming_recycling_events

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Budget Workshop

May 13, 2021 – 6:30 pm

Town Council Regular Meeting

June 8, 2021 – 7:00 pm