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Plainville Moves to COVID-19 Red Alert Level

The Plainville Southington Health District (PSHD) reminds residents to stay vigilant in practicing preventive measures as Connecticut and the Town of Plainville continue to see an increase in COVID-19 cases. Now, more than ever, it is important to wear masks appropriately, maintain social distance, and practice good hand hygiene in order to slow the spread of this contagious virus. To date, Connecticut has reported 75,373 positive cases and 4,645 deaths statewide. Of the confirmed positive cases, 260 have been Plainville residents.

"To help residents and local officials stay informed on the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases, Connecticut has developed an alert map," said Shane Lockwood, PSHD Director of Health. "This map allows us to understand the magnitude of the community transmission and make adjustments to our protocols where needed." The latest alert map for the State can be found here: https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-data/wa3g-tfvc/

There are three levels on the map which indicate the number of cases per 100,000 people: yellow means no more than 9 cases per 100,000; orange means no more than 14 cases per 100,000; and red means 15 or more cases per 100,000.

As of Thursday, November 5, the Town of Plainville has shifted from orange to red alert level. Data suggests the increase spread can be linked to small group gatherings. Robert E. Lee, Town Manager stated, "Plainville has had 44 new cases over the last two weeks (ending 10/31) for a rate per 100,000 of 17.8. Please note that these figures DO NOT include nursing home infections. Red status occurs when a Town goes over 15.0. There are now 68 Towns in the 'Red Alert' status'.

He further said that "everyone should remain vigilant in adhering to the prevention measures" and encouraged Plainville residents to go to the Town website at www.plainvillect.com to find additional updated information regarding COVID-19. Information is continuously updated for residents as well". The website also provides the Governor's Executive Order 9K regarding the new requirements for social gathering in Connecticut beginning on Friday, November 6, 2020.

"We encourage residents to be tested for the virus," said Lee. There are free COVID-19 testing sites available throughout Connecticut. Please visit https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/COVID-19-Testing for a link to the CT COVID Testing Locator.

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The mission of the Plainville Southington Health District is to preserve, protect, promote, and improve the quality of life in a healthy environment through the prevention of disease, ongoing health education opportunities and the enhancement of the well-being of its residents.