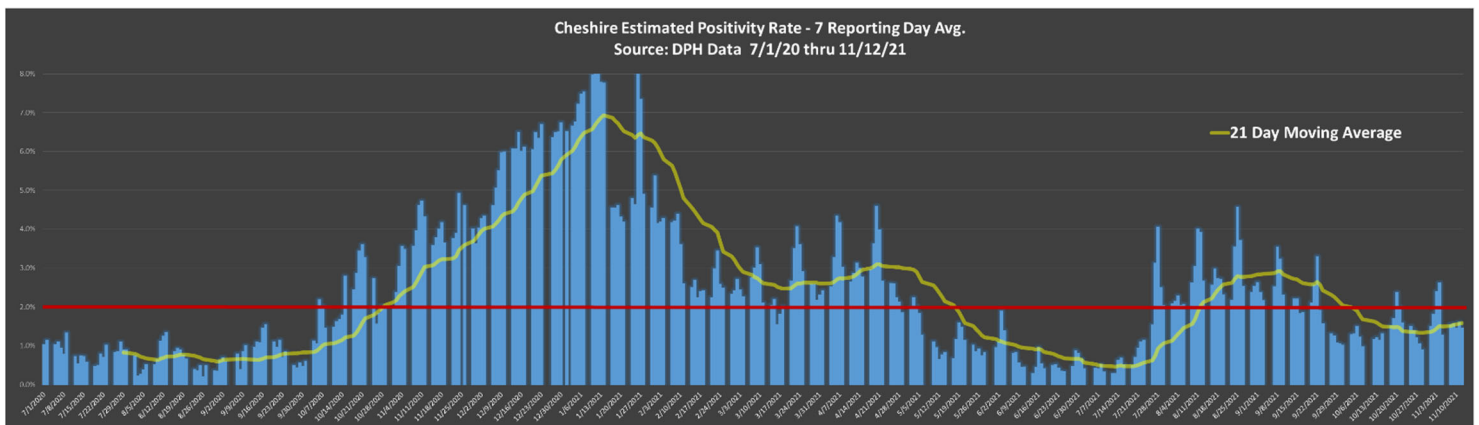


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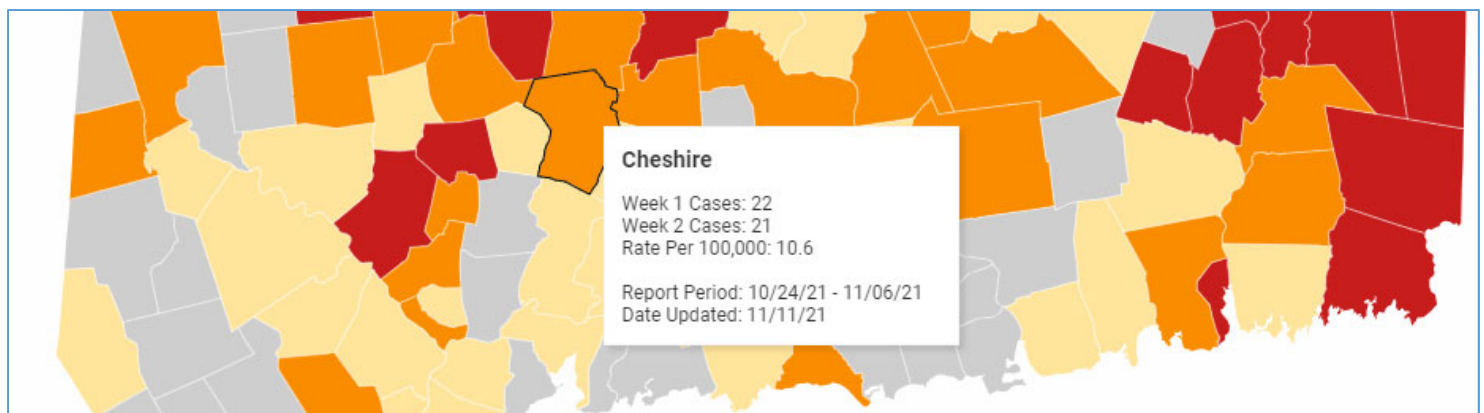
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**COVID-19 Pandemic Data**

The rate of new COVID-19 cases in Cheshire has remained below 2.0% on average over the past month as shown on the chart below. As of Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> our local estimated positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days was **1.4%** (30 positives over seven reporting days in Cheshire out of 2,096 tests) and the rolling 21-day average of this reported metric (yellow line) was **1.6%**.

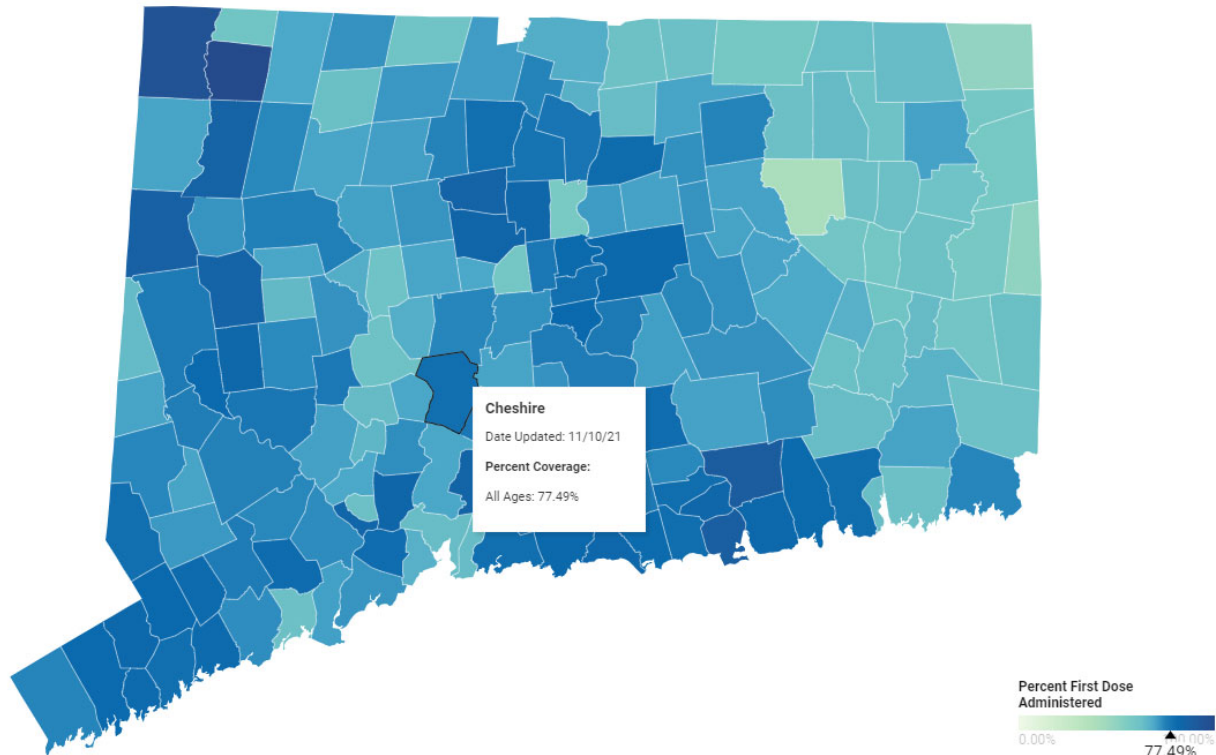


Local case rates in Cheshire have resulted in an “Orange” alert level per the weekly color designation from DPH, based on the average daily cases per 100,000 population (Cheshire is reported at 10.6 cases per 100k).



To date, 77.49% of Cheshire residents of all ages have received at least one vaccination dose, an increase of 0.65% over last month (76.84%).

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



**Vaccination Clinics**

Chesprocott has recently been hosting a significant number of local vaccine clinics, including primary doses, booster shots and now pediatric (ages 5-11) dose clinics. See below for a list of upcoming clinics in Cheshire:

**COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Clinics**  
 Currently offering Moderna & Pfizer Booster Vaccines for those who are eligible.


By Chesprocott Health District  
**Location:** The Holy Theotokos & St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Church  
 1750 Huckins Road, Cheshire, CT (off Old Waterbury Rd)

Appointments are required through our online booking system.  
 Call Chesprocott at 203-272-2761 or visit [www.Chesprocott.org](http://www.Chesprocott.org)

**Clinic Dates and Hours:**

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10 :00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - 10 :00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> - 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**Please bring your insurance card, vaccination card and ID to your appointment.**  
 Please bring your Red, White, & Blue Medicare card.



## **Tornado Storm Event – November 13, 2021**

Cheshire experienced a fast moving and very intense storm that moved in a northeasterly direction through the center of town at about 3:30 PM Saturday creating significant damage along a relatively narrow path.

On Sunday afternoon Chief Casner and I led an official from the National Weather Service on a tour of the damage beginning on Higgins Rd and ending in the Country Club Rd. area. The damage he evaluated, particularly in the area of Willow, Warren and George streets, confirmed that we experienced an EF-0 tornado with estimated wind speeds of 75mph.

Eversource reported peak power outages affecting about 1,200 Cheshire customers Saturday evening and the last remaining outages were resolved by around noon on Sunday. Significant cable and internet outages remained until around 9:30 pm.

In terms of damage on Town property, the CHS stadium scoreboard was taken down, a tree fell through a fence at Highland School and the Main Fire Station and South End Firehouse sustained some roof damage.

The Town has opened the Old Transfer Station (1304 Waterbury Rd) for storm debris dropoff:

Week of November 15: Tuesday-Friday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Saturday 7:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Week of November 22: Monday-Wednesday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Saturday 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.

### Restrictions:

Must be a Cheshire resident. No landscapers, tree services, or other commercial companies.  
Brush and leaves only. No building materials or other debris.

I want to publically thank all of our Public Works, Police, Dispatch, Fire and Building Department responders for their professionalism and dedication to our community, particularly after a storm event for which we had little to no warning.

## **Bulky Waste & Special Collection Events**

### **Bulky Waste Collection**

Please see the attached final report on the 2021 Town Wide Bulky Waste Collection project.

### **Town Wide Leaf Collection**

The annual town-wide leaf collection will run from November 8<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable bags before 7:00 a.m. Mondays for pick-up by the Public Works Department.

## **Budget Referendum Results**

Both capital budget referendum votes passed at last Tuesday's election, with results as follows:

1) \$1,700,000 for the Road Improvement Program

Yes: 5,850                      No: 1,746

2) \$7,900,000 for Bartlem South/Chapman Property Park Improvements

Yes: 4,019                      No: 3,562

## **Economic Development Update**

Zone Text Amendment Change for the Interchange Zone – Supported by the 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development allowing for *Storage, Warehouse, and Distribution Centers with Trucking Facilities, Incidental to the Main Use in the Interchange Zone.*

- Amendment was supported by the Economic Development Commission at their October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission after the closing of their public hearing on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Amendment will facilitate development of parcels for distribution currently reserved for technology, office park and conference centers as envisioned in the adoption of the regulations in 1985.

### Ball & Socket Remediation Grant / Project Update –

- Grant submitted to DECD on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$925,000 to further remediation in and below building 1 (main building on site).
- \$1,500,000 Urban Act funding for completion of Phase I – Building 2 (Sweet Claude's) underway with General Contractor identified and fit out work to begin in the next few months for opening in the spring of 2022.
- Parking areas and subsurface drainage and utility work on-going with paving of front parking in early 2022.
- New Haven Business Journal doing a piece on Cheshire's Economic Development with a focus on Ball & Socket as a major catalyst for a Town Center creation

### Credit Enhancement Agreement – Stonebridge Crossing

- CEA fully executed by all parties on October 27th for North End Development Agreement.
- RWA currently installing water lines north along Route 10 to serve the site.
- Two properties at Route 10 that are key to the development were recently acquired by the developer.
- Inquiries for Town zoning requirements are being received by P&Z

### Other Business Activity Updates:

Counterweight is moving forward with signage recently approved by the Town and an opening in January of 2022.

### October Business Activity:

- La Cucina Prepared Meals & Catering (1089 South Main Street) - Opened October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Blossom Nutrition (190 South Main Street) opened October 9<sup>th</sup>;
- A&E Services Group, LLC Leasing Space 609 West Johnson Avenue (Former Webster Bank),
- Chase Bank construction / demolition began October 4<sup>th</sup>;
- Beyond Nutrition Ribbon cutting held October 28<sup>th</sup>;
- Remax Realty (1075 South Main Street) 2525 SF – signed lease (former Cheshire Herald)
- Marbridge submitted for building permit for Phase II – 25K SF addition

### **Friends of the Cheshire Library Book Sale is Back!**

Volunteers work year-round to screen donated books and box them for storage. With the wonderful support of volunteers and community, the Friends can continue funding dynamic programs at our wonderful Cheshire Public Library.

Preview Night for Friends of CPL Members:

- Wednesday, Nov 17, 5:00-8:00pm  
(new memberships available at the door)
- Thursday, Nov 18, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Friday, Nov 19, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov 20, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Sunday, Nov 21, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

### **Artsplace Market 2021 – November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Artsplace is pleased to announce that the popular holiday art market will be returning this year, Saturday and Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Artsplace Building (1220 Waterbury Rd. This event features works by 30+ artists including paintings, jewelry, scarves, decorative arts, pottery, fiber arts, lamps and more.

### **Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings**

#### **Town Council – Swearing In Ceremony**

December 6, 2021 – 5:30 PM

#### **Town Council – Organizational Meeting**

December 6, 2021 – 7:00 PM

#### **Town Council – Regular Meeting**

December 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM