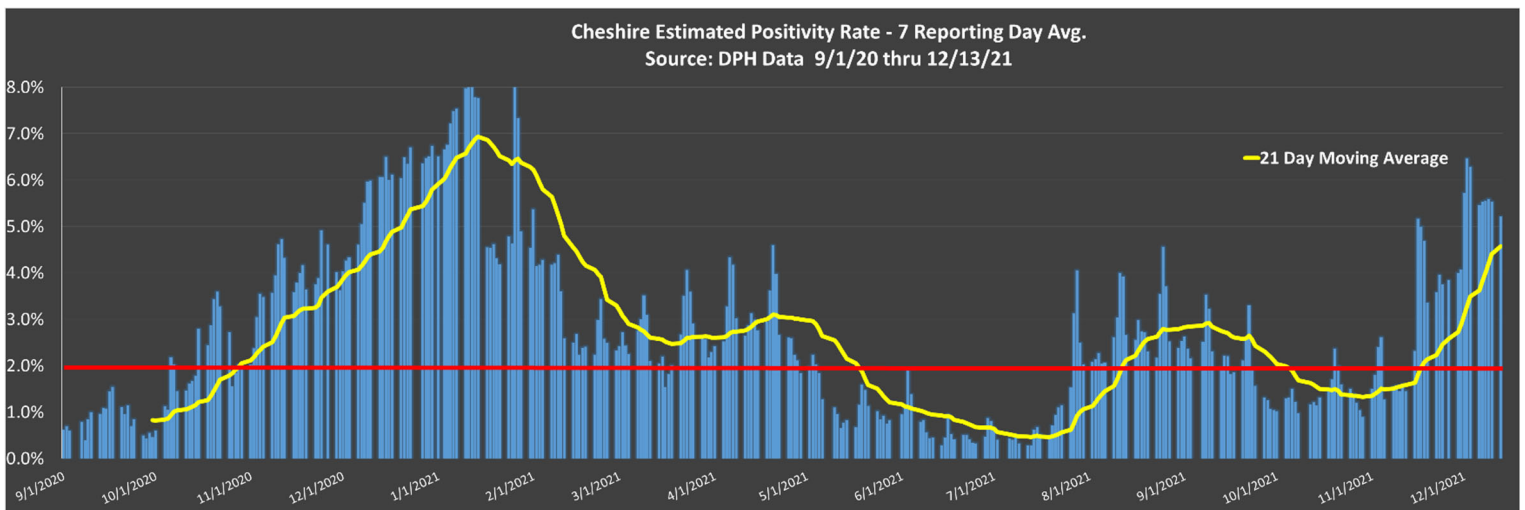


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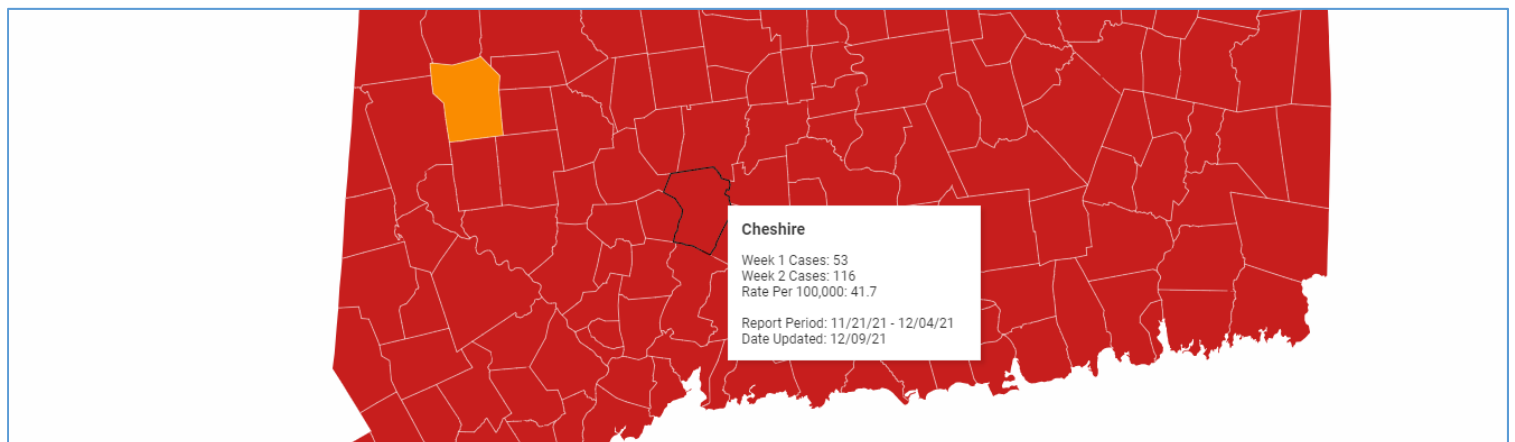
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COVID-19 Pandemic Data

Local case rates for Cheshire have increased significantly over the past month. As of Monday, December 13th, our local estimated positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days was **5.2%** (248 positives in Cheshire out of 4,780 tests and up from 1.4% last month). The rolling 21-day average of this reported metric (yellow line) is currently **4.6%** (up from 1.6% last month).

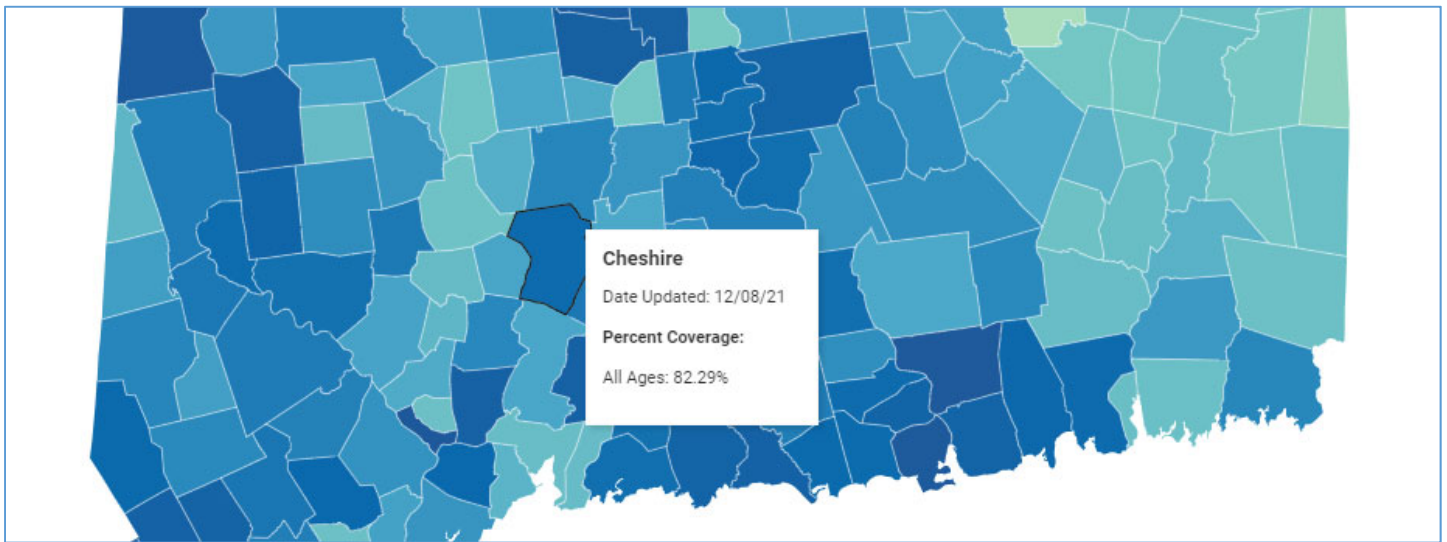


Local case rates in Cheshire have resulted in an “Red” alert level per the weekly color designation from DPH, based on the average daily cases per 100,000 population (Cheshire is reported at 41.7 cases per 100k, up from 10.6 last month).



To date, 82.29% of Cheshire residents of all ages have received at least one vaccination dose, an increase of 4.80% over last month (77.49%).

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



Vaccination Clinics

Chesprocott has recently been hosting a number of local vaccine clinics over the past month, including primary doses, booster shots and pediatric (ages 5-11) dose clinics. There will be another booster clinic tomorrow, **Wednesday, December 15th from 12:00pm-4:00pm** at the Holy Theotokos Church at 1750 Huckins Rd.

Additionally, Rite Aid (180 Main Street) is holding a walk-in clinic for all vaccines for all ages including newly eligible 16 and 17 year old boosters, this **Saturday, December 18th from 10am-5pm**.

Economic Development Update

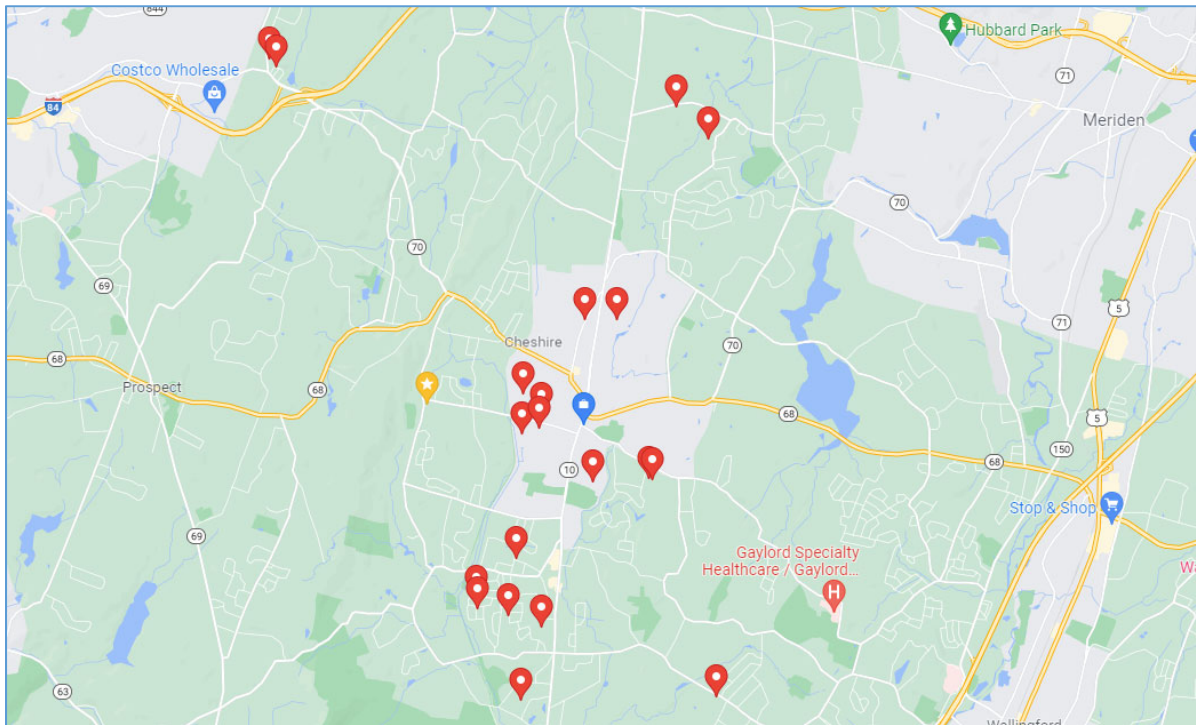
In the December edition of the New Haven Business Journal, a feature article was written highlighting the Ball & Socket Project and the Town of Cheshire. The article entitled; [“Ball & Socket Property Redevelopment Aims to Give Cheshire a Coveted Arts, Entertainment District”](#) highlighting the history, current project status and overall development strategy for the property. Continued positive press will undoubtedly help in fundraising efforts and bringing attention to this fantastic addition to our Community.

The chart on the next page shows year over year employment growth for Cheshire’s largest employers, totaling a remarkable net increase of 798 jobs.

Employer	Employees 2021 ⁽¹⁾	Employees 2020	Change	Percentage of Total Town Employment ⁽²⁾
Bozzuto's Inc	1,773	1,227	546	11.80%
State of CT Dept. Correctional Facilities	1038	1021	17	6.91%
Town of Cheshire	962	957	5	6.40%
Macy's Logistics	680	523	157	4.53%
Whole Foods	317	245	72	2.11%
Collins Aerospace	301	325	-24	2.00%
Hanwha Aerospace	253	253	0	1.68%
Omnicare	220	220	0	1.46%
Elim Park Baptist Home	199	194	5	1.32%
Eversource	167	167	0	1.11%
Housing Authority Insurance	160	148	12	1.07%
SLR Consulting	120	120	0	0.80%
Napoli Foods	95	87	8	0.63%
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⁽¹⁾ Full - Time				
⁽²⁾ Percentage of CT Department of Labor Quarterly Census by Employment and Wages, by Town 2021 Q1 15,021 jobs				

Recreation Department: Nights of Lights & Sights

As a reminder, the Recreation Department’s Nights of Lights and Sights holiday decoration contest is ongoing, with winners to be announced at the end of the month. Please use the following link for a Google Map showing the participating houses:
[Cheshire Lights of Nights & Sights 2021](#)



Building Official

Welcome to Thomas J. Lozier who began as our new Building Official for the Town of Cheshire. Tom is a licensed Building Official with the State of Connecticut and was most recently the Building Official for the City of Meriden. Previously, Tom spent most of his career in Bristol where he retired as Chief Building Official having previously working his way up through the organization including Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Building Official positions.

Tom brings a wealth of professional experience including work with the same ViewPermit system now used in Cheshire, and in his prior municipalities he has worked to prioritize customer service and responsiveness. I am confident that Tom will make a great addition to our management team, he began with us on Monday, November 29th.

Bartlem South Design/Engineering RFP

The RFP for Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services for Bartlem South Phase 1 has been finalized, with a proposal due date of January 12, 2022. We are targeting interviews and a selection by the end of January to keep the project moving forward on track.

Friends of the Cheshire Library Book Sale Results

Thank you to the Friends of the Cheshire Library and all of the volunteers who worked year-round to screen donated books, box them for storage and organize a terrific annual book sale. With the wonderful support of volunteers and community, the Friends can continue funding dynamic programs at our wonderful Cheshire Public Library. This year, despite COVID, the Annual Book Sale netted the second highest amount ever, \$16,466! Congratulations again and thank you to all who helped out!

Holiday Hours

Please be aware that Town Offices will be closed for the observation of holidays on Thursday, December 23rd; Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st.

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Town Council – Regular Meeting

January 11, 2022 – 7:00 PM