

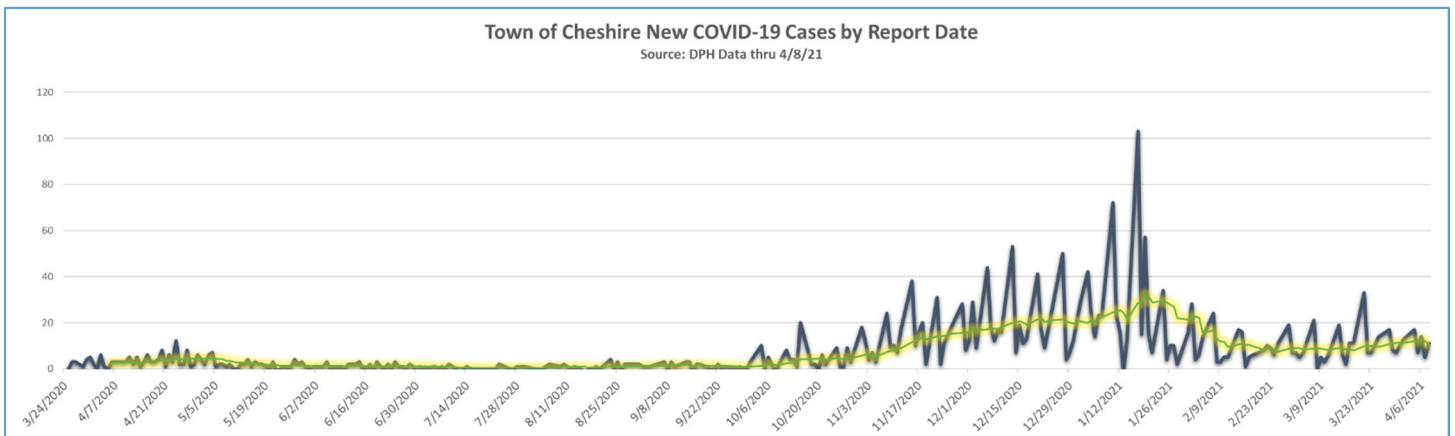
MEMORANDUM
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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – April 2021
DATE: April 13, 2021

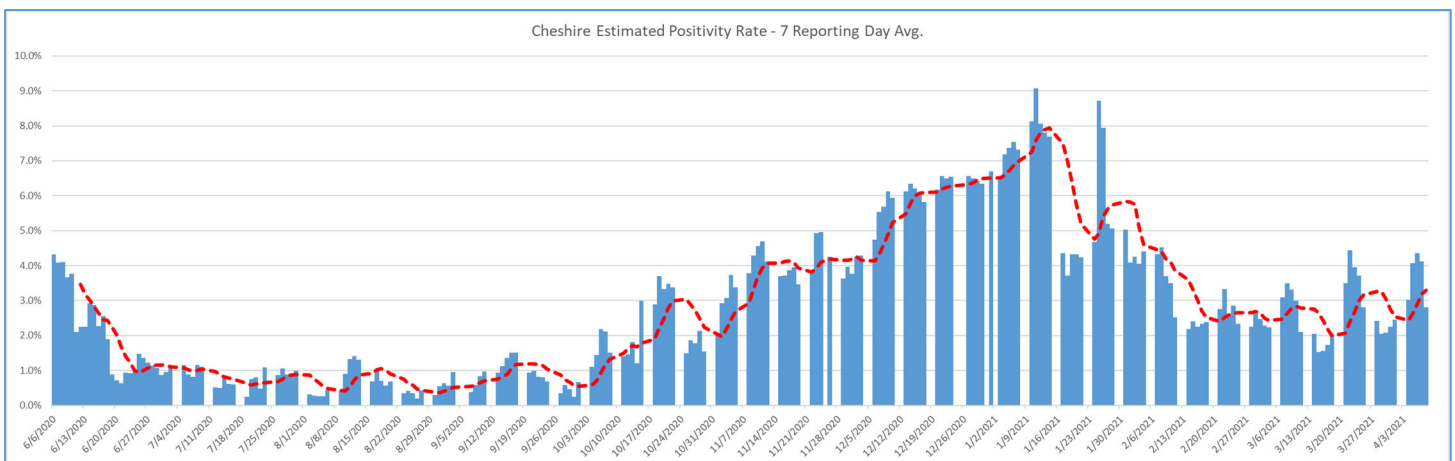
COVID-19 Pandemic Data and Vaccine Rollout

The rate of new COVID-19 cases in Cheshire has remained relatively stable over the past two months with a recent slight uptick following trends seen statewide. Most recent data reports show Cheshire at 26.7 daily cases per 100k population, compared with 32.6 statewide, 41.6 in Prospect and 63.9 in Wolcott.

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

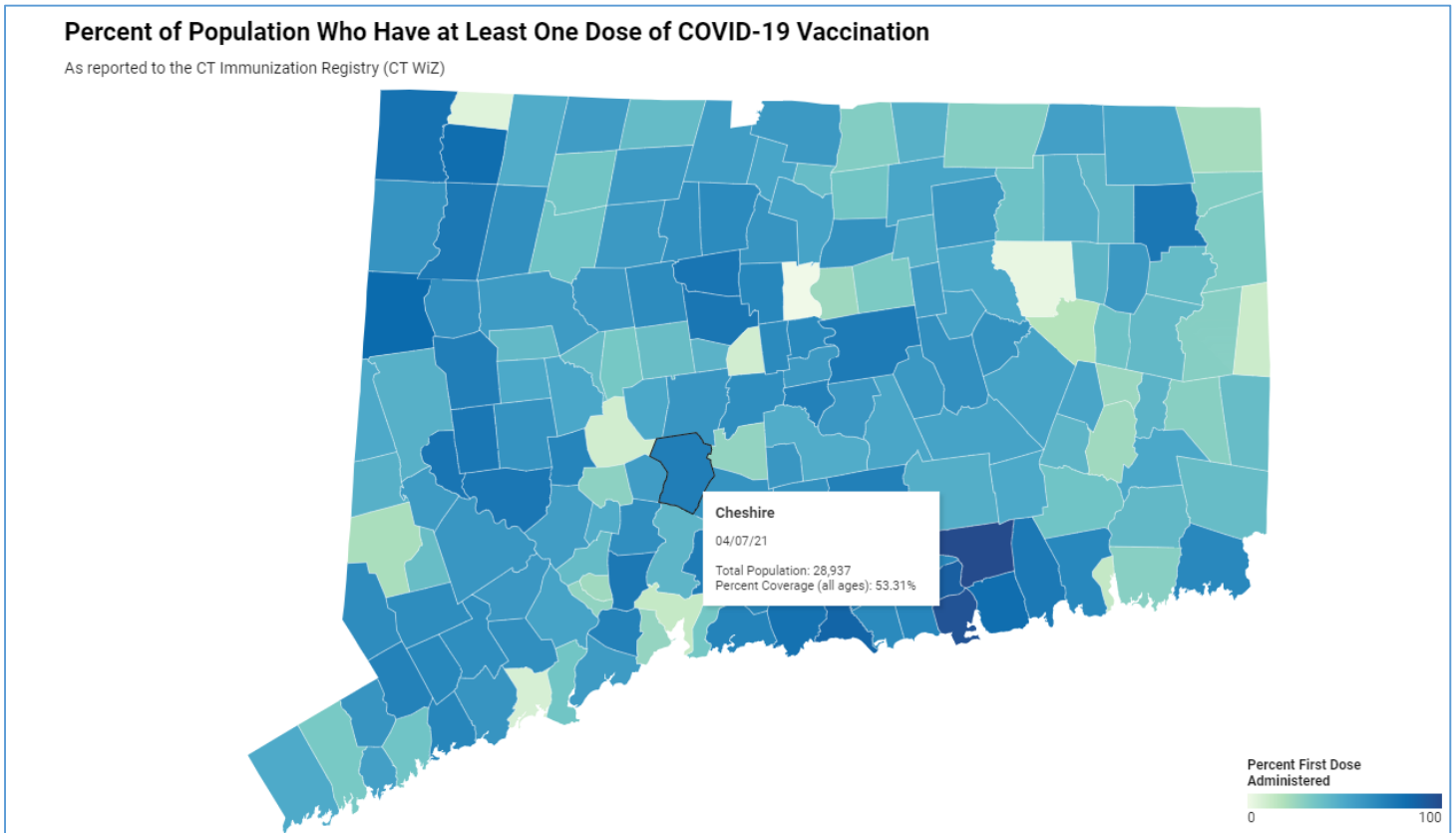


Our local positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days stands at 2.8% (80 positives in Cheshire out of 2,848 tests):



Vaccine clinics at the Cheshire Community Pool and Cheshire Senior Center have continued to run smoothly. Plans are being formed to move clinics to Cheshire High School in May as restrictions on recreational and competitive swimming are expected to be loosened and vaccination clinics for 16+ student groups are being planned.

To date, 53.3% of all Cheshire residents have received at least one vaccination dose (15,427 out of 28,937). 66.1% of Cheshire adults (aged 18+) have received at least one dose (15,427 out of approximately 23,323). The state is reporting that 2,159 residents 75+ have received a vaccine which they report represents approximately 98.9%.



Cheshire Earns GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Town was recently notified that we were successful in earning the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the FY 2021 Budget. Congratulations to Jim Jaskot, Gina DeFilio and the entire Finance Department team, as well as our staff in the Town Manager’s Office and everyone who was involved in the preparation of the FY 2021 Budget Document. This annual award represents a significant achievement. A published budget document must meet the criteria for the highest principles of governmental budgeting as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and as a communication device to receive this recognition.

2021 Bond Sale Results and AAA Rating Affirmation

On March 31st the Town successfully finalized a \$14 million new money bond sale and \$9.7 million refunding of prior bonds. Robert W. Baird & Co. was the winning bid on both issues, with an interest rate of 1.57% on the new money 20 year bonds and 0.93% on the refunding bonds with a 12 year duration. The refunding bonds will save the Town over \$820,000 over this time.

This successful sale follows solid reviews and AAA ratings affirmation from S&P Global and Fitch Ratings. Thank you again to the Town Council for their support and commitment to solid fiscal policies and our strong management team for their hard work and diligent preparation that resulted in this accomplishment.

North Brooksvale Rd./Rte 42 State DOT Paving

The Town was notified yesterday that the State DOT will be commencing milling and paving operations on N. Brooksvale Rd/Rte 42 from Mountain Rd to Route 10 as early as next week, April 19th. The work is anticipated to be done during daytime hours and we have asked the State to coordinate with Cheshire Public Schools to make sure that accommodations are made for school day pick up and drop off traffic at Norton School. Drivers should be aware of the upcoming work and consider alternate routes during this time if possible.

Upcoming Special Solid Waste/Recycling Events

- **Electronics Recycling** – Saturday, April 17th in the Town Hall Parking Lot, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. (Free)
- **Grass Clippings and Leaves Disposal** - Monday, April 26th and 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)
- **Mattress and Box Spring Recycling** – Saturday, May 1st in the Town Hall Parking Lot, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. (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.chshirect.org/news/upcoming_recycling_events

NVCOG Composter and Rain Barrel Sale

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) is conducting a composter and rain barrel sale for our region, and Cheshire Town Hall will be a pick up location on Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. More information on this program can be found on the [NVCOG website](#).

Senior Center Elderly Nutrition Program

The Elderly Nutrition Program returns to the Cheshire Senior Center starting on **Tuesday, April 20th**. 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](#).

FEMA Announces COVID Funeral Assistance

FEMA recently announced they are accepting applications for Funeral Assistance through a dedicated call center, M-F 9:00 am – 9:00 pm at (844) 684-6333.

Maximum FEMA payments will be \$9,000 per funeral if the death was attributed to COVID-19 and occurred after January 20, 2020.

There is no state/local cost share for this program and payments will be made directly to eligible individuals and families by FEMA.

Applications cannot be made online and must be made through the call center phone number.

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Budget Workshop

April 22, 2021 – 6:30 pm

Town Council Regular Meeting

May 11, 2021 – 7:00 pm

**Did you pay funeral costs
after losing someone due
to COVID-19?**



We may be able to help with funeral assistance.

Learn more at [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) or call
(844) 684-6333 to get started.



FEMA