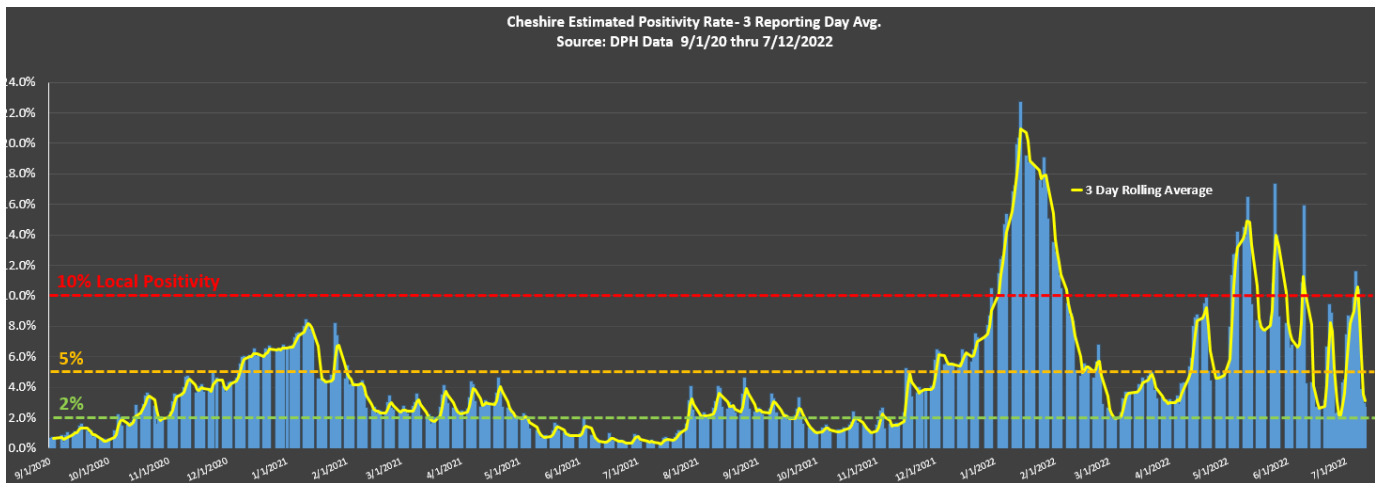


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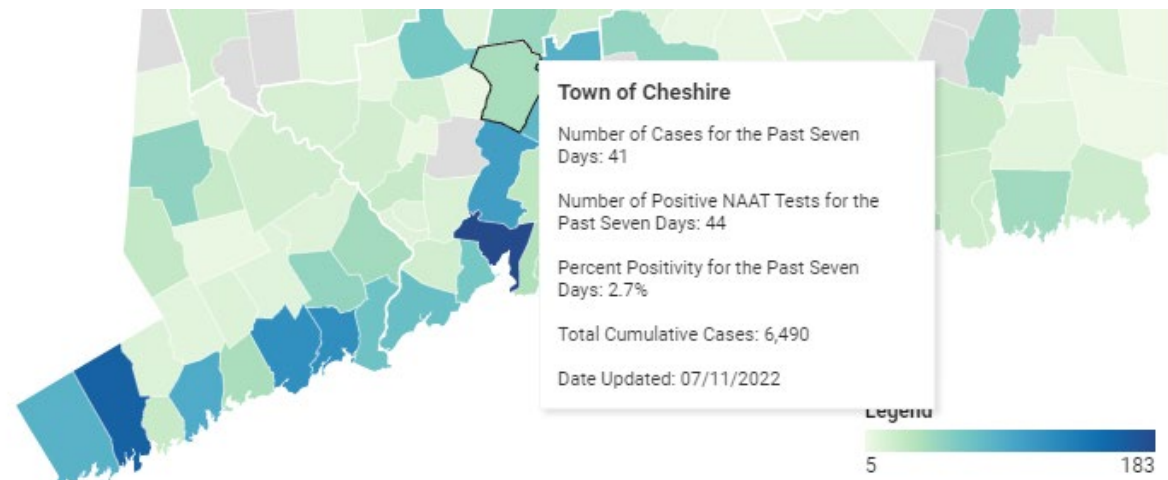
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COVID-19 Pandemic Data

Local COVID positivity rate data has remained elevated at close to the same level as the Omicron variant surge this past winter, but also fluctuating significantly over the last few weeks. As was the case for the prior two months, the increased prevalence of at-home testing, the official reporting data we receive from DPH may be slightly skewed. As of Monday, July 11th, Cheshire’s local estimated positivity rate stands at 2.7% (44 positives in Cheshire out of 1,653 tests and down from 4.2% last month).



Number of Cases by Connecticut Town for the Past 7 Days



COVID-19 Test Kits Available for Residents to Pick Up:

Free COVID-19 test kits remain available for Cheshire residents to pick up at both the Cheshire Public Library and Human Services Department during regular operating hours. Please bring proof of residency with you (i.e. driver's license, library card, etc.)

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Collection:

This Saturday, July 16th from 9am-12pm, the Regional Water Authority's HazWaste Central will be hosting a safe and free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling collection. The event will take place at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. Preregistration is required. For additional information or to register, please visit <https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central> or call 203-401-2712.

Bartlem Beats Concerts Coming Very Soon:

A reminder to save the date for Bartlem Beats Summer Concert Series! The four scheduled concerts have been announced:

- **Friday, July 22, 2022 at 7pm:** Running on Empty - Celebrating the music of Jackson Browne and the Laurel Canyon Sound
- **Friday, July 29, 2022 at 7pm:** The Kathy Thompson Band - Mixing old school funk, soul and R'n'B hits along with a complementary sprinkling of selections from contemporary artists!
- **Friday, August 5, 2022 at 7pm:** Sister Funk - All female pop and funk band performing a mix of original music as well as your favorite covers!
- **Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7pm:** Dead Man's Waltz (formerly Steal Your Peach Band) - Interweaving the music of The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and The Band!

Summer Concert Series at Mixville Park:

The Cheshire Parks and Recreation Department and Cheshire Public Library are hosting a summer concert series at Mixville Park. There are two remaining dates:

- **Wednesday, July 27th** (rain date July 28th) at 6:30pm – The Nields
- **Wednesday, August 10th** (rain date August 11th) at 6:30pm – Dierdre McMorro and Paul Pender

Limited transportation is available for Senior Center Members on a first come first serve basis. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Senior Center Dispatch office at (203) 272-0047.

Cheshire Fall Festival:

The highly anticipated annual Cheshire Fall Festival has been scheduled for Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. The celebration begins on "Food Truck Friday", September 9th, and continues to Saturday, September 10th at Bartlem Park, in the heart of our town. For additional information and a complete schedule of events, please go to <http://cheshirefestival.com/>.

Economic Development Update:

- Rebel Interactive Group will be celebrating their official ribbon-cutting ceremony tomorrow, Wednesday, July 13th starting at 4pm at 535 West Main Street. Rebel Interactive has been named to *Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Companies* multiple years in a row. The digital marketing agency has called Southington, home for nearly 8 years, but as the company has grown exponentially – even through the pandemic – and the needs of clients and employees have shifted, Rebel leadership has acknowledged that a change in space was needed to reflect the change in mindset. Rebel’s new 30,000SF headquarters includes state-of-the-art facilities for video and photography production, a podcast studio, warehouse space, and collaboration spaces galore.
- Property at 306 Highland Avenue (opposite Hinman Street) has received approval for demolition of the existing former nail salon and construction of a 5,000SF dental office in colonial architecture
- The Learning Experience has submitted plans for a 10,000SF childcare center at 435 Highland Avenue, the vacant lot across from the entrance to Highland School.
- Jersey Mikes is nearing completion with an approximate August 1st opening date
- Rough inspections are complete at the expansion of Marbridge on West Main Street with site work commencing for new parking areas and landscaping
- Xerox Corporation has submitted plans for their fit out of 30,000SF of vacant space located at 345 McCausland Court. The former tenant, Imperial pools relocated to 617 West Johnson Avenue in April seeking additional SF.
- Sweet Claude’s has officially announced their relocation schedule to the Ball & Socket Facility on West Main Street. Their last day in their present location on South Main will be Sunday, July 17th and they anticipate reopening in their new location at the beginning of August.

Upcoming Town Council & Committee Meetings:

(Tentative) Personnel Committee/Town Council Joint Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30pm (Council Chambers, Town Hall)

Town Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00pm (Council Chambers, Town Hall)