



# Town of Glastonbury

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Town Manager

ITEM #7  
08-11-2020 Meeting

August 7, 2020

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

**Re: Town Manager's Report**

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

**1. COVID-19**

Attached is a copy of the most recent weekly report dated August 2<sup>nd</sup>. As noted, there were 359 residents tested over the week leading up the 2<sup>nd</sup> and zero positive results. The weekly summary of Town operations is also provided.

**2. Minnechaug Golf**

Total rounds have surpassed 15,000 this season as compared to 15,322 for the entire 2019 season. Activity levels remain high and the course in great condition.

**3. Tropical Storm**

Updates on storm operations as follows:

- Town crews have cleared all roads not involving downed wires.
- Working with Eversource as possible to secure crews to complete road clearing when wires involved.
- Customer Service Center providing information during normal business hours and will receive voicemails during non-business hours and respond as applicable (860-652-7710).
- Electronic message boards placed in Town Center and South Glastonbury to advise of Customer Service number.
- Shower and charging facilities available at GHS 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Will continue as restoration supports.
- Bulky Waste Landfill open extended hours 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily through Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. TBD thereafter. Fees waived for residential customers.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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Attachments



# Memo

August 2, 2020

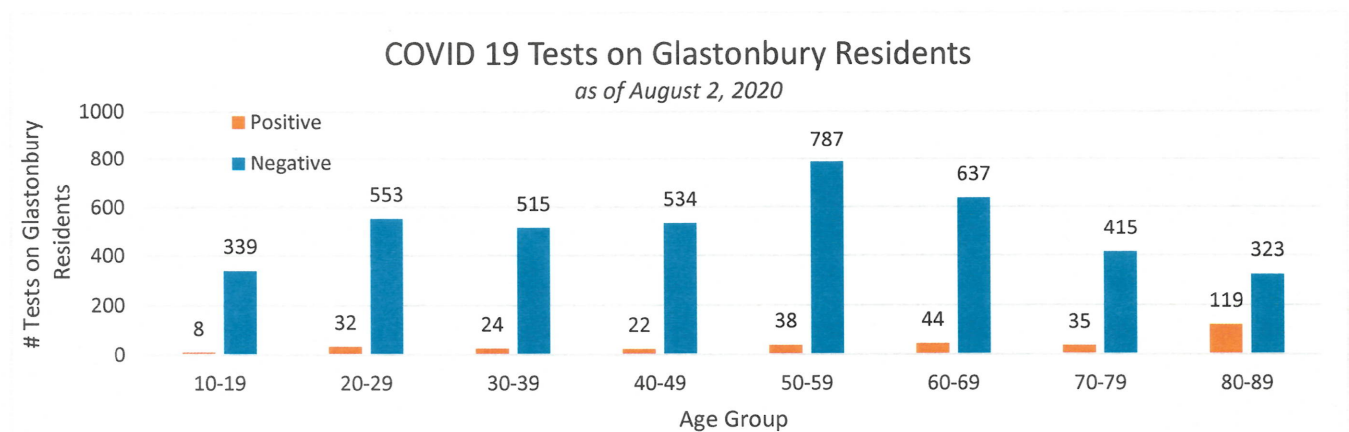
**To:** Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

**Fr:** Wendy S. Mis *WSM*  
Director of Health

**Re:** COVID 19 update

- Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week

As per CT Department of Public Health (DPH) lab testing data available 8/2/20, Glastonbury has 4,425 (+359) residents who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those 4,425 residents, 322 (+6) are laboratory-confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. These positive cases were data corrections for prior weeks, meaning of the 359 residents tested this past week, none tested positive. Additionally, no Glastonbury deaths were recorded this week. A total of 186 (+5) females and 136 (+1) males are positive. Glastonbury's loss of residents from Coronavirus remains at 81. Note that since some Glastonbury residents receive more than one test, the chart title has been adjusted to reflect the number of tests on residents, rather than the number of residents tested.

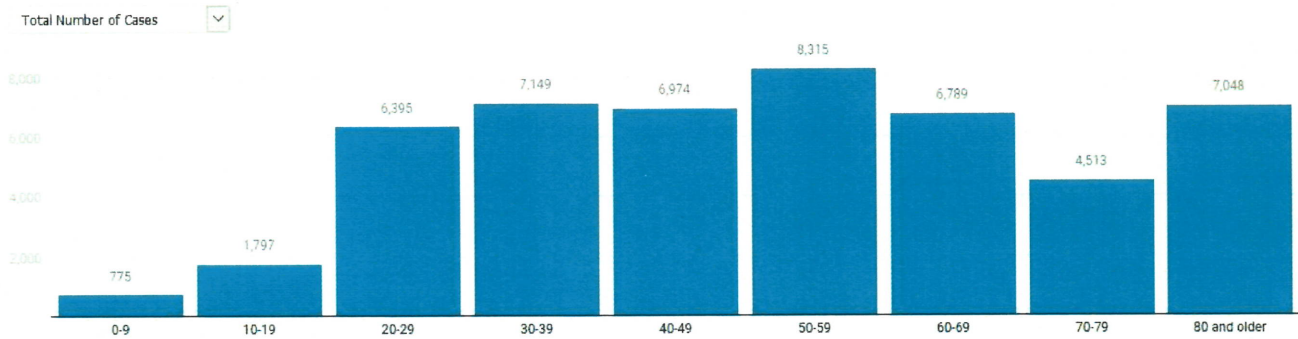


Testing is readily available in several locations in the Glastonbury area. Testing of Glastonbury residents increased across all age groups this week. Glastonbury Health Department uses the state-required contact tracing system to follow up on positive cases in attempt to keep the potential spread of disease and number of new cases down. The greatest number of residents tested consistently remains the 50 - 59 year age group.

The July 31 data snapshot below shows the number of confirmed and probable cases in Connecticut by age group.

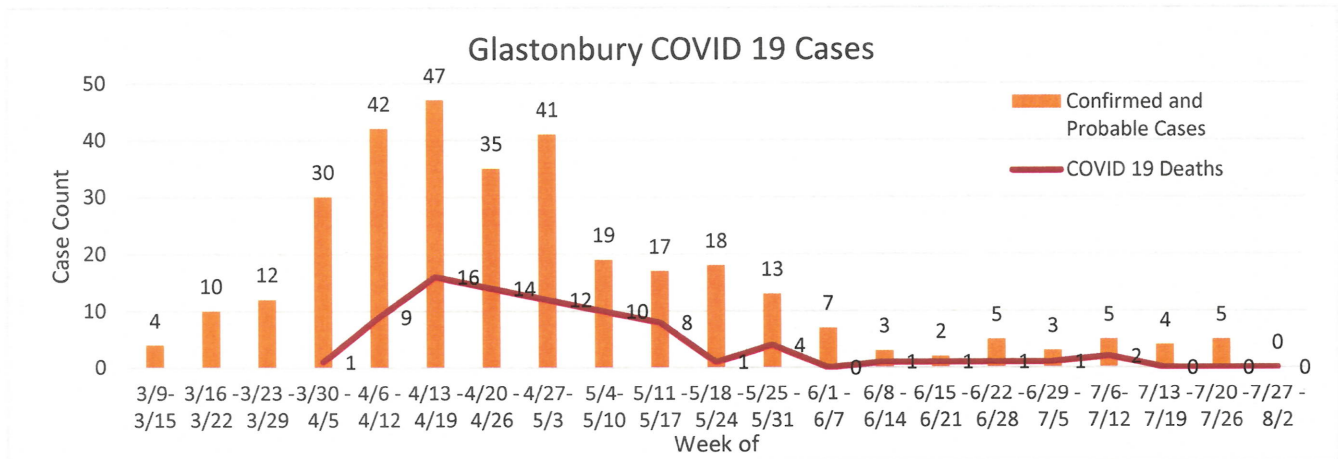
Age Group Chart

**Number of COVID-19 Cases, Associated Deaths, and Rates per 100,000 by Age Groups**



Total COVID-19 cases and associated deaths include confirmed plus probable.  
 Source: CT Department of Public Health - Get the data - Created with Datawrapper

The graph below shows a weekly count of residents with confirmed positive and probable cases and COVID 19 related deaths. Peak activity for the number of positive COVID 19 cases and COVID related deaths occurred in April. Glastonbury’s case numbers remain low, although some fluctuation may be expected.



Data from DPH is considered preliminary, and data changes as new reports are received and data errors are corrected. In an ongoing process of data assessment, DPH continues to modify how certain disease-positive lab results are considered, changing some previous counts. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. Prior to June 1, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

## NEWS

### Weekly Town Manager COVID-19 Update - July 30, 2020

Post Date: 07/30/2020 8:29 AM

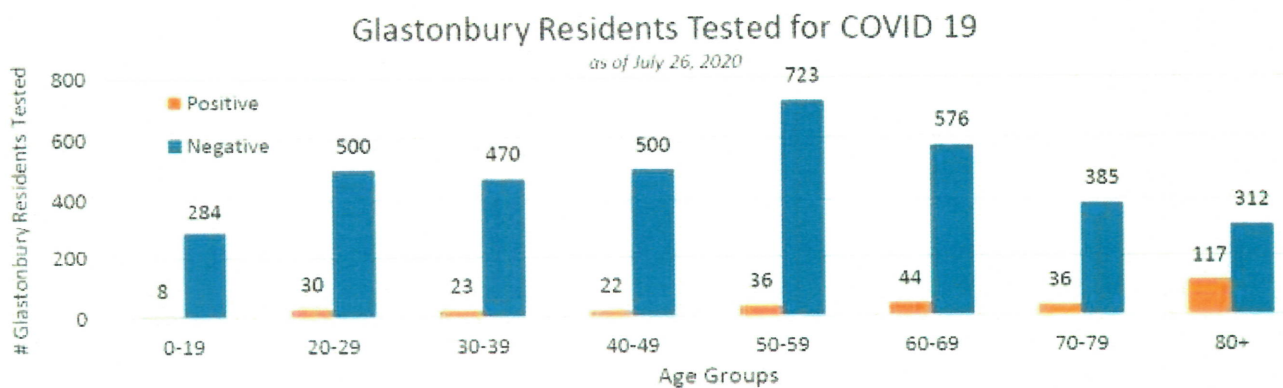
Recent COVID-19 updates summarized herein. The following 3 document links further outline the most recent updates regarding Town facility openings/closures and modified service delivery processes.

1. [Summary of Services Available vs. Suspended](#)
2. [Facility Closures and Openings](#)
3. [Modified Processes for Town Services](#)

#### Glastonbury COVID-19 Figures as of 7/26/2020

*Note: Numbers in (parentheses) indicate a change from the previous week.*

As per CT DPH lab testing data available 7/26/20, Glastonbury has 4,066 (+463) residents who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those 4,066 residents, 316 (+8) are laboratory-confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. DPH undertook a significant data de-duplication and correction effort this week; information for positive cases and deaths from previous weeks were updated. While 0 Glastonbury deaths have been recorded for the past 2 weeks, regrettably, 3 resident deaths from previous weeks were identified. A total of 181 (+3) females and 135 (+5) males are positive. Glastonbury's loss of residents from Coronavirus now stands at 81 (+3). Testing is readily available in several locations in the Glastonbury area. Testing of Glastonbury residents increased across all age groups this week, and positive cases increased across all age groups except the 40 – 49 and the 60 – 69 age groups. Glastonbury Health Department uses the state-required contact training system to follow up on positive cases in attempt to keep the potential spread of disease and number of new cases down. The greatest number of residents tested consistently remains the 50 - 59 year age group.



- [View the Connecticut COVID-19 website, including resources & data points](#)
- [COVID-19 Data on Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities as of July 23, 2020](#)

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## **WTML Reopening on 8/3 with Limited Schedule and Services**

The Welles-Turner Memorial Library will reopen on Monday, 8/3, with a reduced schedule and limited services. **All users must adhere to current CDC guidelines that include: (1) wearing a face mask that covers the nose and mouth; (2) maintaining a social distance of at least 6 feet.** [Click here to view available services during this reopening phase.](#)

### **Reduced Library hours:**

- Mondays & Fridays: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Wednesdays: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **Cotton Hollow Closed Indefinitely**

Due to safety concerns, Cotton Hollow has been CLOSED until further notice. The Grange Pool remains open and is subject to the [rules/regulations outlined here](#). Town staff are evaluating various safety factors at the Cotton Hollow site and addressing increased littering activity (e.g. broken glass on the trails and in the water). The Town will be monitoring the area to ensure compliance with the closure and will announce when the site has reopened for public use. Your patience is appreciated as we work to ensure this public area can be safe for all to enjoy.

### **Eastbury Pond CLOSED Temporarily**

Due to high bacteria levels Eastbury Pond is CLOSED until further notice. The park remains open for recreational use. Testing will continue and an update will be posted to the [Town Facebook page](#).

### **State Delays Mailing Absentee Ballots for August Primaries**

The mailing of absentee ballots from the mail house contracted by the State of Connecticut was delayed and mailing started on Monday, July 27 (1 week after the anticipated date). If you have applied for an absentee ballot for the August Primaries, you should be receiving it in the mail shortly. For more information on the upcoming Primaries, please visit the [Election Web Page](#).

### **Reminders**

- **Best Face Masks to Use** - Reusable cloth masks and Disposable surgical-style masks.
- [Renter's Rebate Program Now Open to Eligible Glastonbury Residents](#)
- **Legal Notices** – Posted online until further notice at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov/legalnotice](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/legalnotice)

### **Resources:**

- Grocery services for residents in need. [Click here to view options.](#)
- Glastonbury COVID-19 updates - [www.glastonbury-ct.gov/covid19](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/covid19)
- State of Connecticut COVID-19 updates, visit [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus)
- **Town Facebook Pages for Real-Time Updates** – [click here to view all Town Facebook pages.](#)

Sincerely,

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Town Manager