

Memo

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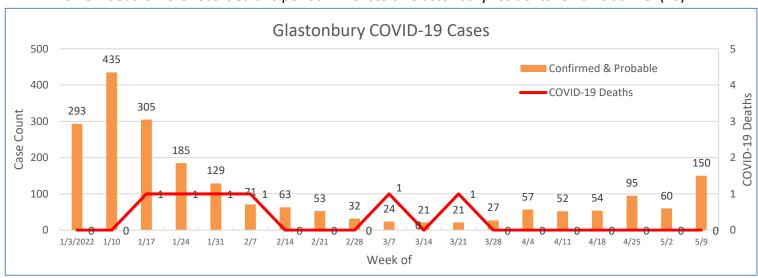
Re: COVID-19 update

This COVID-19 update uses publicly available data from CT Department of Public Health. Case data is collected each Monday, and vaccination and map data is reported from their most recent posting date. This report includes data from January 3, 2022 to May 10, 2022, and is not directly comparable to reports dated January 20, 2022 or earlier. The graph below shows a weekly count of residents with confirmed and probable cases and COVID-19 associated deaths. COVID-19 deaths are depicted on a secondary Y axis with a separate (right hand) scale.

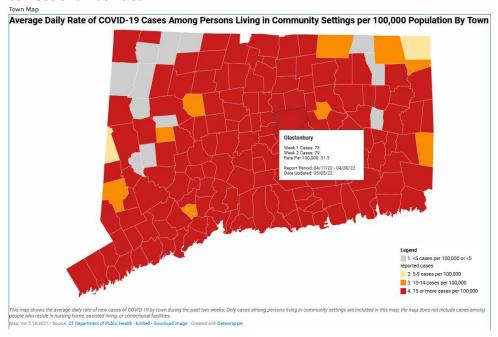
Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week.

As per CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) data collected 5/10/2022:

- A total of 120,305 tests for COVID-19 have been administered to Glastonbury residents. (+762)
- Of the 120,305 tests conducted, 5,458 are laboratory confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. (+150)
- No new deaths were recorded this period. The loss of Glastonbury residents remains at 118. (+0)

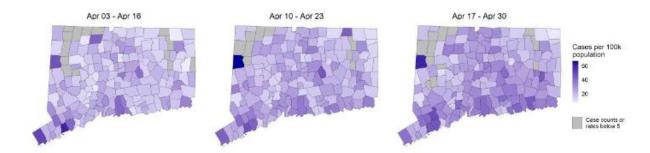


CT DPH's COVID-19 Town Alert System map, updated weekly, shows the average daily rate of new cases of COVID-19 during the past two weeks. Using a color-coded system of grey (<5 cases), yellow (5 – 9 cases), orange (10 – 14 cases), and red (15 or more cases), viewers can understand at a glance the occurrence of cases statewide. Only cases among persons living in community settings are included in this map; the map does not include cases among people who reside in nursing home, assisted living, or correctional facilities.



- Glastonbury is currently shown in red at 31.5 cases per 100,000 population (+1.5).
- The most recently updated map, dated May 5, shows 145 (+14) cities and towns have 15 or more cases per 100,000 population.

The graphic below shows the average number of new cases per 100,000 population per day. Darker colors indicate towns with higher rates. Towns in grey have fewer than 5 cases per 100,000 population per day. New cases in nursing homes, assisted living or correctional facilities are not included.



Glastonbury vaccination status:

State data from 5/4/22 (below) shows the percent of all fully vaccinated Glastonbury residents who are eligible for vaccination (aged 5 and over) is more than 86%. The percent of residents who have received an additional dose of vaccine is over 64%. ∇ NOTE: A third primary series dose is recommended for children age 5 through 11 years who have certain medical conditions or take medicines that weaken the immune system. There is no approved "booster" for this age group.

	Percent fully	Percent additional dose
Age group (yrs)	vaccinated*	received
5 - 11	56.88	0.33
12 - 17	83.72	45.66
18 - 24	100	63.52
25 - 44	92.32	59.36
45 - 64	84.33	64.75
65+	100	89.89
Average of Glastonbury residents with full vaccination (5 years of age and over) and additional doses received (12 years and over).	86.21	64.64∇

^{*}Fully vaccinated is 2 weeks after the last shot in the vaccination series

Vaccination and second booster doses

CDC has recently announced that people age 50 years and older are eligible to receive an additional COVID-19 booster shot. The Glastonbury Health Department will sponsor a **COVID-19 booster clinic** on **Thursday, May 12th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm** at the **Riverfront Community Center (300 Welles St)**. The vaccinating partner for this event is *Hartford HealthCare*. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine will be available. The clinic is open to individuals 12 years and older. Guardians must be present for children under 18 years old. Attendees should bring their CDC vaccine record of previous doses.

Pre-registration is preferred; walk-ins accepted as vaccine supply lasts. <u>Click here</u> to access registration/appointment scheduling links. Please contact the Health Department with questions (860) 652-7534.

People seeking additional options for COVID-19 vaccination or booster shots can go to www.vaccines.gov and enter the zip code of the area they are searching.

COVID-19 testing locations and at home test kits

2-1-1 of Connecticut has an online site to search for COVID-19 testing. Users may refine their search by zip code, type of test and key demographics of individual to be tested. A search of the Glastonbury area can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four (4) free at-home COVID-19 tests. If you have already ordered your first set, you can now order a second set. The tests are completely free, and can be ordered at https://www.covidtests.gov/

If you have difficulty accessing the internet or need additional support, call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English and more than 150 other languages, 8am to midnight, 7 days a week.

The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities place their orders. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 8PM, or email <u>DIAL@usaginganddisability.org</u>.

 $[\]nabla$ The additional dose data for 5 – 11 year olds is not included in the average of Glastonbury residents who have received their additional or booster dose.

NOTE: The FDA allows an extended expiration date for certain COVID-19 Home Antigen Tests beyond the expiration date on their box. If you have a home test kit that is nearing expiration, check the box for the manufacturer's website or information phone line, where you can contact the company and inquire about expiration extensions.

The FDA is aware of <u>counterfeit at-home over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 diagnostic tests</u> being distributed or used in the United States. These counterfeit tests **should not** be used or distributed. A list of FDA approved at-home OTC COVID-19 diagnostic kits can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

**Please note: Glastonbury, like other locations in Connecticut and nationally, is seeing an increase in seasonal flu cases. Flu symptoms can appear to be similar to COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel ill, but test negative for a COVID-19 test, you may have the flu. Please stay home if you don't feel well, even if you test negative for COVID-19. Respiratory viruses such as COVID-19 and seasonal flu spread easily, so remember to wash your hands well with soap and water, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. More information about seasonal flu can be found by clicking here.

Data from DPH is considered preliminary. Test results may be reported several days after the result. Data are incomplete for the most recent days. Data from previous dates are routinely updated. 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 include persons with positive antigen results. Positive cases include molecular and antigen tests. Prior to June 1, 2020, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.¹

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