Town of Glastonbury

Health Department

Memo

December 13, 2022

To: Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

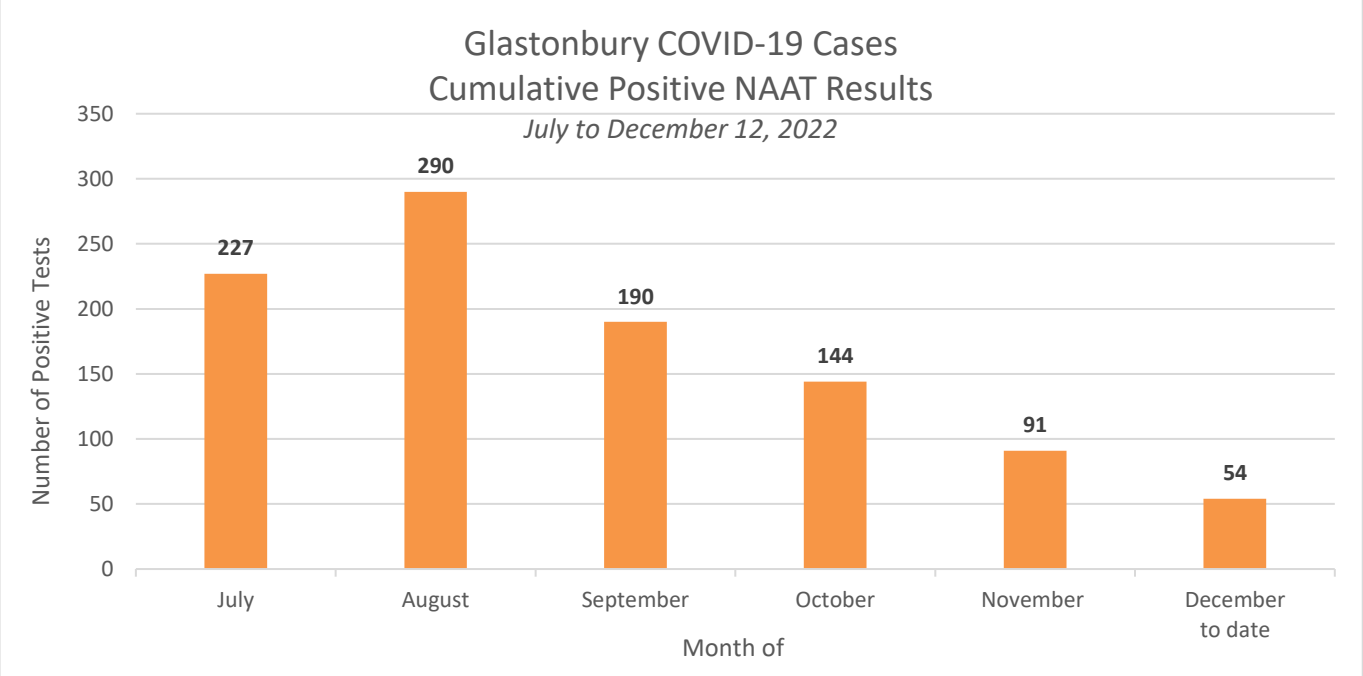
Fr: Wendy S. Mis *WSM*
Director of Health

Re: COVID-19 update

This report uses publicly available laboratory-confirmed results for COVID-19 data from Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) for local, county, and Connecticut overall. At-home test results are not included, so information and graphs demonstrate trends rather than a full accounting of cases. Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week. Both charts in this report have recently been adjusted to show data in approximate one-month intervals.

As per CT DPH data from December 12, 2022:

- A total of 134,405 tests have been administered to Glastonbury residents. (+294)
- Of the 134,405 tests administered, 7,568 were laboratory positive NAAT cases. (+24)
- No additional deaths were recorded this week. The loss of Glastonbury residents remains at 122. (+0)



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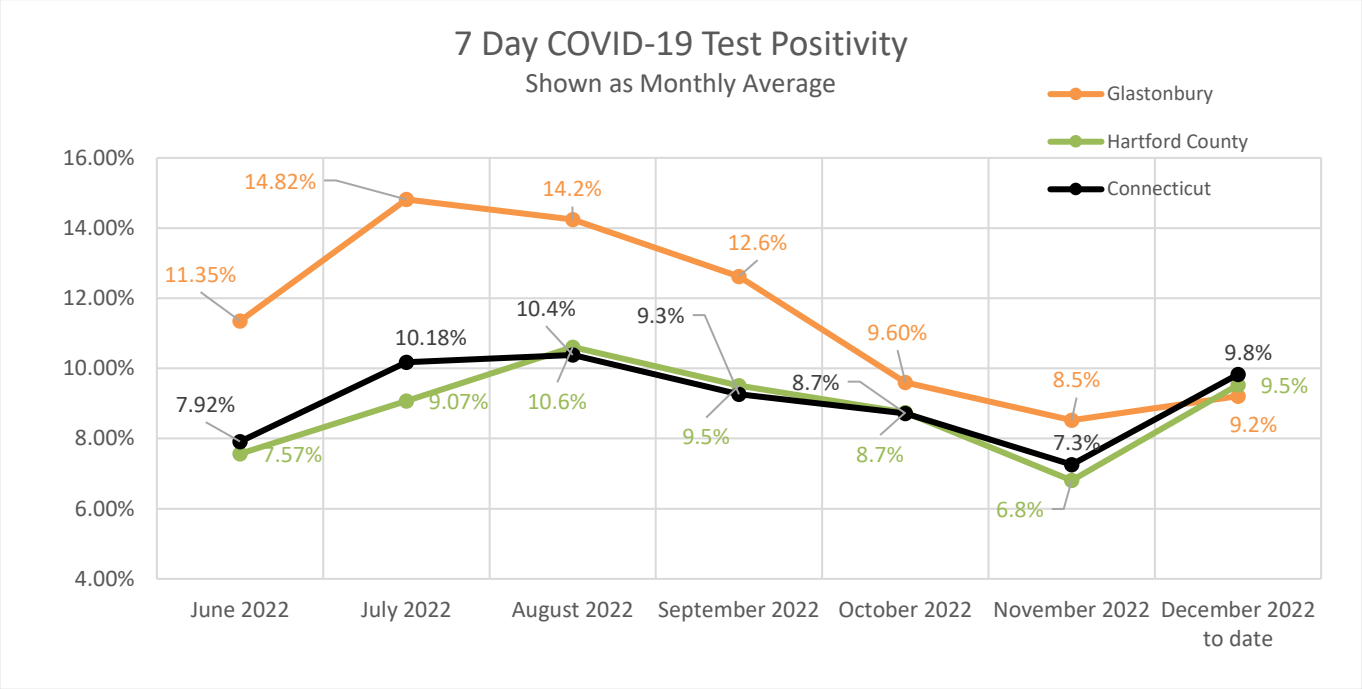
Test positivity is calculated as a rolling 7-day test positivity by specimen collection date; all positive molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results are divided by all molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results (positive and negative) for the last 7 days and multiplied by 100 to reach a percentage. Results are shown below for Glastonbury, Hartford County, and the state of Connecticut overall. The graph shows an average of the month's weekly data, and as such, may not be accurate for any specific week of the month.



COVID-19 Vaccine update *CDC approval of boosters for ages 6 months and older*

CDC recently expanded the use of updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months through 5 years. Children ages 6 months through 5 years who previously completed a Moderna primary series are eligible to receive a Moderna bivalent booster 2 months after their final primary series dose. Children ages 6 months through 4 years who are currently completing a Pfizer primary series will receive a Pfizer bivalent vaccine as their third primary dose.

The COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine is available if it has been at least two months since an individual's last COVID-19 vaccine (whether the primary series or any booster). More **vaccination and booster information** is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

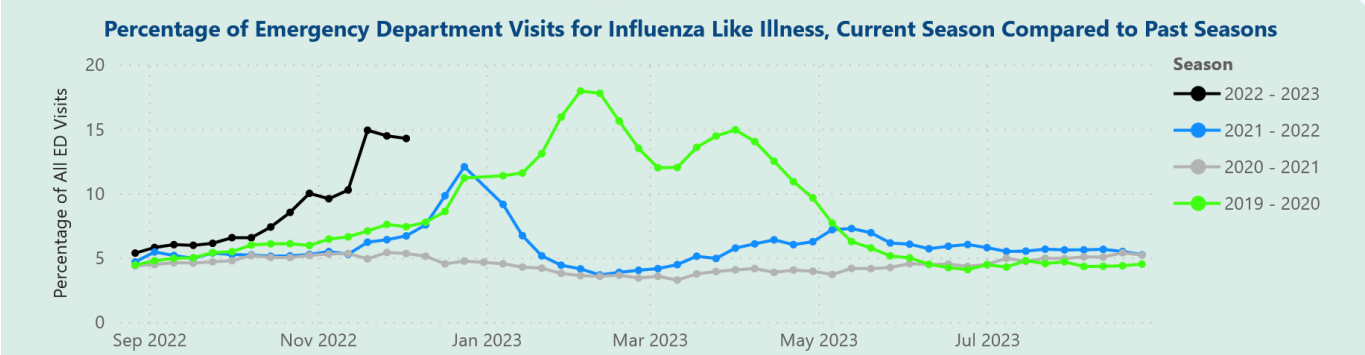
Additional clinics can be found at **www.vaccines.gov** and entering the zip code for the search area.

COVID-19 Testing locations

CLICK HERE for the 2-1-1 of Connecticut 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.

Widespread respiratory illness

Connecticut, like many other states in the nation, is experiencing widespread respiratory illness. Cases of COVID-19, seasonal influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are affecting people of all ages. Seasonal flu is appearing much earlier than usual, and Connecticut recently saw its first flu death of the year. CT residents are going to Emergency Departments with influenza like symptoms in numbers much greater than previous years, as seen in this chart from CT DPH.



Source: CT DPH

Flu shots are readily available in the community. Pharmacies and other locations providing flu shots as well as the vaccines available can be found at **www.vaccines.gov** .

While COVID-19, seasonal flu, and RSV may be addressed with slightly different medical treatments, **prevention strategies against respiratory viruses are similar:**

- Wash your hands often
- Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly
- Get your flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wear a mask in crowded public areas, or near others who may be sick
- Wear a mask around others when you have respiratory illness symptoms

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