



Meriden COVID-19 Response Weekly Update September 6-10, 2021

From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

City of Meriden – as of September 8, 2021	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths
Total Cases	8,733 total (7,967 confirmed and 766 probable)	157

***** Meriden is in “RED” status on the state alert system *****
Please get vaccinated!

Cases can be counted [as confirmed or probable](#). 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.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

PFIZER – FDA APPROVAL: On August 23, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as **Comirnaty** (koe-mir’-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.



You can [view the full press release here](#).

Governor’s Executive Order: On August 19 Governor Lamont issued [Executive Order 13D](#), which requiring that all Connecticut state employees and staff of all childcare facilities and preK-12 schools statewide must have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by September 27, 2021. Those who do not get vaccinated due to certain exemptions will be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. However, state hospital and long-term care employees will not have the option of being tested in lieu of vaccination.

As of September 8:

**59.31% of Meriden's eligible residents are
FULL VACCINATED. This is +0.63%% since last week.**

**64.91% of Meriden's eligible residents have
INITIATED VACCINATION. This is +0.58%% since last week.**

Keep it up Meriden!

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics (we :  walk ups!)

Griffin Health (the Dept of Public Health "yellow van") will be at:

- Wilcox Technical High School, 298 Oregon Road, on September 23 and 29 from 8:00am – 1:00pm. A \$20 Amazon gift card will be given to each person that gets vaccinated at one of these clinics.



PROTÉJASE, PROTEJA A SUS SERES QUERIDOS Y A SU COMUNIDAD
VACÚNESE CONTRA LA COVID-19 EN LA
COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE WALLINGFORD

CLÍNICA DE VACUNACIÓN GRATIS

**sábado 11 de septiembre
de 9:00a.m. a 6:00p.m.**

**** NO SE NECESITA CITA ****

284 Washington Street, Wallingford, CT 06492

LAS VACUNAS DE:

+ PFIZER (EIDADES 12+) + MODERNA (EIDADES 18+)
+ JOHNSON & JOHNSON (EIDADES 18+)
ESTARÁN DISPONIBLE.

* SE ADMINISTRARÁ LA PRIMERA Y SEGUNDA DOSIS
* LA CITA PARA LA SEGUNDA DOSIS SE PROGRAMARÁ AL MOMENTO DE SU VISITA
* LOS MENORES DEBEN TENER UN PADRE PRESENTE

¿PREGUNTAS? LLAME AL 203.265.5866

TARJETA DE REGALO DISPONIBLE PARA LOS QUE SE VACUNEN



PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR LOVED ONES, AND YOUR COMMUNITY
GET VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 AT THE
SPANISH COMMUNITY OF WALLINGFORD

FREE VACCINATION CLINIC

**Saturday, September 11th
9:00am - 6:00pm**

WALK-INS WELCOME!

****NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED****

284 Washington Street, Wallingford, CT 06492

+ PFIZER (AGES 12+) + MODERNA (AGES 18+)
+ JOHNSON & JOHNSON (AGES 18+)
WILL BE AVAILABLE.

* WILL BE ADMINISTERING 1ST & 2ND DOSES
* SECOND DOSES WILL BE SCHEDULED AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT
* MINORS MUST HAVE GUARDIAN PRESENT

QUESTIONS? CALL 203.265.5866

GIFT CARD INCENTIVE TO THOSE WHO GET VACCINATED



Hartford Healthcare provides [COVID-19 vaccination every Wednesday](#) from 3:00-6:00pm at their 61 Pomeroy Avenue location, and every Tuesday from 8:30 – 11:30am at MidState Medical Center in Conference Rooms 1 and 4.

Hartford HealthCare 

Meriden homebound residents: Our office has received a grant from the CT Department of Public Health to increase vaccination availability to vulnerable populations. We are working with the Community Health Center, Inc. to coordinate COVID-19 vaccine administration to homebound residents. If you are medically or physically unable to leave your home and are in need of vaccination, please complete this online form: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/homebound> or call us at 203-630-4221. We will then pass your information on to Community Health Center who will contact you to make your appointment.



If you only need a ride to get a COVID-19 shot, you should not complete this form. You should click on this [Transportation Resources](#) link for help finding a ride.

Here are additional resources if you are in need of a COVID-19 vaccination:

- Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – 203-630-4221
- CT COVID Vaccine Portal (enter your zip code to find a vaccination site near you): https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal?language=en_US
- [Yale New Haven Health](#)
- [Walgreens](#)
- [CVS Pharmacy](#)
- [Walmart](#)

Here are some links if you would like to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)
- [Federal Food & Drug Administration](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services – Operation Warp Speed](#)
- [Pfizer](#)
- [Moderna](#)
- [Johnson and Johnson Jansen Single Dose Vaccine](#)
- [State of CT COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](#)

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 9/08/2021)	Difference since last week (9/02/2021)
Age 12 to 17	63.86%	+1.68%
Age 18 to 24	64.11%	+0.98%
Age 25 to 44	66.23%	+0.88%
Age 45 to 64	81.03%	+0.36%
Age 65 +	96.17%	+0.13%
Age Group	Fully Vaccinated (as of 9/08/2021)	9/02/2021)
Age 12 to 17	52.97%	+1.59%
Age 18 to 24	55.14%	+1.15%

Age 25 to 44	58.85%	+0.84%
Age 45 to 64	76.08%	+0.46%
Age 65+	92.45%	+1.08%

Vaccination by Race/Ethnicity – Meriden Eligible Residents (12 and over)

Race/Ethnicity	Percent with at least one dose (as of 9/08/2021)	Difference since last week (9/02/2021)
NH American Indian	35.4%	+0.7%
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	65.2%	+0.1%
NH Black	52.4%	+0.9%
Hispanic	59.4%	+2.4%
NH White	56.2%	+0.3%
Race/Ethnicity	Fully Vaccinated (as of 9/08/2021)	Difference since last week (9/02/2021)
NH American Indian	30.6%	0.0%
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	59.8%	+0.5%
NH Black	46.4%	+0.8%
Hispanic	54.5%	+0.9%
NH White	53.4%	+0.3%

Data updates on vaccine administration in Connecticut

The following data represents the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Connecticut, as reported to the state as of September 8:

Dose	Total Administered
First dose administered	2,481,023
Fully vaccinated	2,281,937

As of September 8, Connecticut residents who have received at least one dose by age group includes:

- >95% of those over the age of 65
- 89% of those between 55-64
- 80% of those between 45-54
- 79% of those between 35-44
- 71% of those between 25-34
- 67% of those between 18-24
- 76% of those between 16-17
- 66% of those between 12-15

Source: Coverage data is based on what is reported to CT WiZ, except the estimated coverage for 65 years and older, which is taken from the CDC COVID Data Tracker.

BOOSTER SHOTS

Note: we are still in “wait and see” mode about COVID-19 booster shots for the general public.

Immunocompromised: People who are [moderately to severely immunocompromised](#) are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 because they are more at risk of serious, prolonged illness. [Studies](#) indicate some immunocompromised people don’t always build the same level of immunity after vaccination the way non-immunocompromised people do.

CDC recommends that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) or [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#).

General Public: The FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee is [meeting on September 17](#) to discuss booster shots for the general public. The committee will meet in open session to discuss the Pfizer-BioNTech supplemental Biologics License Application for COMIRNATY for administration of a third dose, or “booster” dose, of the COVID-19 vaccine, in individuals 16 years of age and older.

Clinics: The Meriden Department of Health and Human Services is not offering booster shots at this time. Our primary focus at the moment remains on reaching unvaccinated individuals with the primary series of a COVID vaccine.

MISPLACED VACCINE CARDS or VACCINE RECORDS

Did you misplace your CDC COVID-19 vaccination card? Please contact the location you got your vaccine from; they should be able to mail you a new card. If you received your vaccine through our Department please call us at 203-630-4221 and we will be more than happy to mail you a new one.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health cannot replace the CDC vaccination card, but they can provide you with an official copy of your immunization record.

There are 4 ways you can get the copy of your immunization record:

1. Contact the Immunization Program main line (860-509-7929, Monday- Friday 8:30am-4:30pm) to have a copy mailed or faxed to you.
2. If you used VaxText or v-safe, these tools can be used to obtain vaccination records.
3. Your primary care provider can obtain these records for you from the state's immunization database, CT WiZ.
4. You can download the info yourself – see below!

CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records

It's Your Best Day!
Connecticut
Immunization Information System

Patients and their Legal Guardians can use this screen to view and print an official record of their immunizations. The patient's First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, and Gender are required before proceeding.

Who is the Patient?

First Name: [] Last Name: [] Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): [MM/DD/YYYY] Gender: []

Who are you?

What is your relationship to the Patient? []

How would you like to receive a code to access the immunization record?

☐ Text ☐ Email

Immunization records printed from this site may not be complete. The records represent only the data reported to and entered in CT WiZ.

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DPH
Connecticut Department
of Public Health

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Do you need a copy of your vaccine records (not just COVID)? You can download them from the new CT WiZ: Access My Immunizations Records portal.

https://ctwiz.dph.ct.gov/ctwiz_public/Application/PublicPortal

COVID-19 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Data updates on breakthrough cases in Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting that as of September 9, 2021, a total of 9,875 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been confirmed. Cases of COVID-19 in fully vaccinated individuals are rare. Of the more than 2.2 million people in Connecticut who have completed their vaccine series, 0.43% of them have contracted the virus.

For more data on breakthrough cases in Connecticut, [see pages 6 through 9 of this week's extended COVID-19 data report](#).

COVID-19 VARIANTS

Data updates on variants in Connecticut

The following data contains the cumulative number of SARS-CoV-2 variants that have been identified among Connecticut residents as of September 8:

Variants of concern

- **B.1.1.7 and Q sub-lineages (Alpha):** 3,394 cases
- **B.1.351/B.1.351.2/B.1.351.3 (Beta):** 38 cases
- **B.1.617.2 and all AY sub-lineages (Delta):** 2,702 cases
- **P.1 and P.1 sub-lineages (Gamma):** 210 cases

Variants of interest

- **B.1.525 (Eta):** 21 cases
- **B.1.526 (Iota):** 1,553 cases
- **B.1.617.1 (Kappa):** 3 cases
- **B.1.617.3:** 0 cases

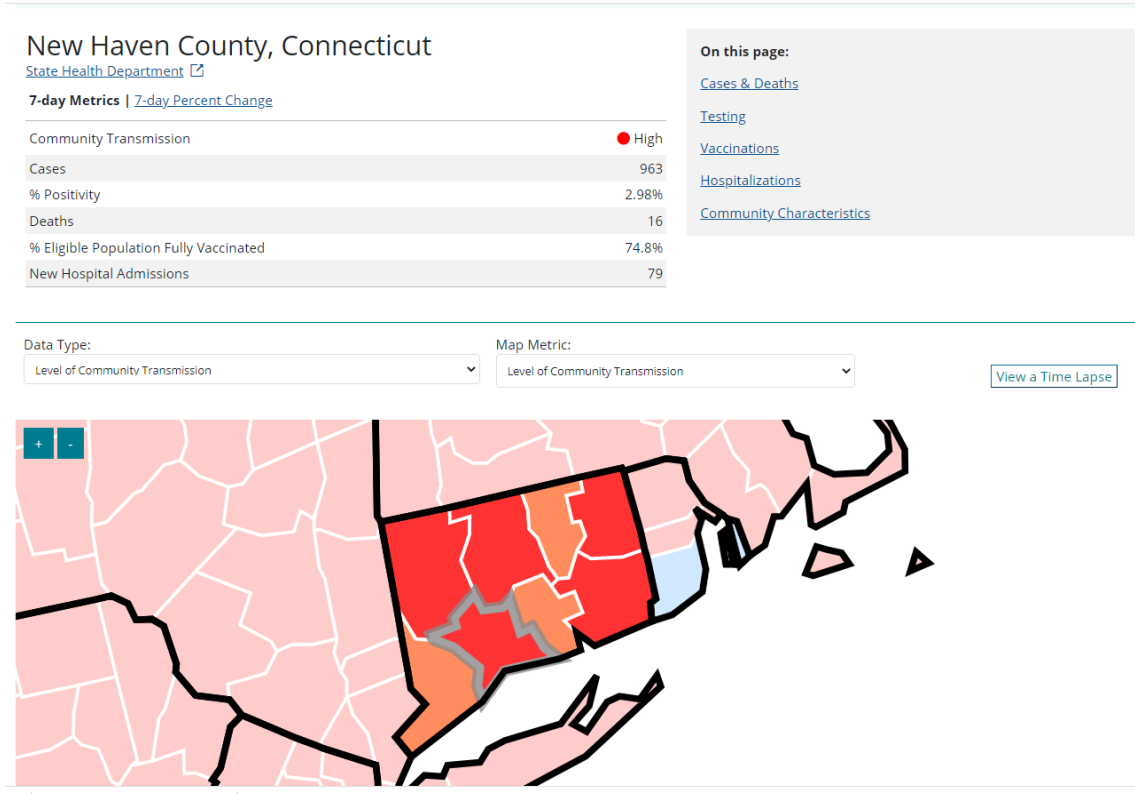
For more information on variants, [see page 10 of this week's extended COVID-19 data report](#).

CONNECTICUT and CDC MASK GUIDANCE FOR FULLY VACCINATED PERSONS

People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen).

[Governor's Executive Order 13A](#) requires that masks be worn inside certain settings, such as schools, childcare facilities, healthcare facilities, and while on public transportation. E.O. 13A also allows towns and cities to create their own orders requiring that masks be worn in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status.

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION



Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

New Haven County still classified as an area of **"high" COVID-19 transmission**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC labels the level of community transmission in a county — based on the number of cases per 100,000 people or the positivity level — as low, moderate, substantial or high. See the chart below for definitions.

LOW	No more than 10 cases per 100,000 people, or a test positivity rate of less than 5%
MODERATE	10 to 50 cases per 100,000 people, or a positivity rate between 5% and 8%
SUBSTANTIAL	50 to 100 cases per 100,000, or a positivity rate between 8% and 10%
HIGH	100 or more cases per 100,000 people or a positivity rate of 10% or higher

What should you do? First, please get vaccinated! Second, please wear a facemask over your nose and mouth when inside public buildings. Mask are required to be worn inside municipal buildings, such as City Hall, the Health Department, Library, and Senior Center. Masks are also [still required to be worn in certain settings](#), such as healthcare or while using public transportation.



TESTING INFORMATION

Starting Tuesday, September 14, 2021:

In partnership with the CT DPH, the City of Meriden will be hosting Wren Laboratories at
13 Orange Street, Meriden
for no-cost COVID-19 testing.

They will be using a [saliva-based PCR test](#).

Tuesdays 9:00am -12:00pm, Thursdays 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am – 12:00pm

Walk-ups/drive-ups welcomed.

Please do not eat or drink anything 30 minutes prior to coming for your test. Results will be emailed within 48 hours.

For a list of testing sites in Connecticut, please visit Infoline 211: <https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p>

If you are **not** experiencing symptoms, or if you have had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, we recommend a [viral test](#), also known as a “PCR” test. Test results may take anywhere from a couple of hours to a couple of days to get back from the laboratory.

If you have recent onset of symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you can consider getting an [antigen test](#), also known as a rapid test. This type of test is also for those who undergo serial screening, such as nursing home staff or residents. If you have symptoms, and your antigen test comes back negative, you should get the viral test (PCR) within 48 hours of your antigen test to confirm the results. Stay home until you get your test results.

When in doubt on what type of test to get, call your doctor. **If you are only going to get 1 test, we highly recommend the PCR test, NOT a rapid test.**

For those fully vaccinated, the CDC now recommends that If you came into [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 you get tested 3-5 days after the date of your exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result. You do not need to quarantine while waiting for test results as long as you remain symptom free.

SCHOOL UPDATES

School started September 1! Below is a dashboard maintained by Meriden Public Schools on the number of positive students and staff, and quarantined students and staff. Note that quarantine is due to being identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 exposure in any setting.

Meriden Public Schools Quarantine Dashboard					
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff	
All Time Totals	6	4	18	1	
Current Totals	5	4	18	1	
Finished Totals	1	0	0	0	
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff	
All Time Percentages	0.07%	0.29%	0.20%	0.07%	
Current Percentage	0.06%	0.29%	0.20%	0.07%	

CONTACT TRACING

We are still at it!

If you get a call from one of our contact tracers or a state CT DPH contact tracer, **please answer!**



Our office continues to use the state [ContaCT Tracing System](#) to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19 positive Meriden residents. We make calls Monday – Friday; state contact tracers make calls to Meriden residents over the age of 18 on the weekend and holidays.

The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We also ask about vaccination status to [monitor break-through cases](#) of COVID-19. Vaccination status will also help [determine if a person needs to quarantine](#) if exposed to someone with COVID-19.

TOWN ALERT LEVELS

The CT DPH provides a [weekly, color-coded COVID-19 alert map](#) for every city and town in the state, identifying the average daily case rate per 100,000 population over the last two weeks.

Week	Cases over 14 days	Case Rate Per 100,000	Percent Test Positivity	Alert Level
9/27 to 10/10	53	6.4	1.4%	Yellow
10/4 to 10/17	68	8.2	1.5%	Yellow

10/11 to 10/24	100	12.0	2.2%	Orange
10/18 to 10/31	238	28.6	4.3%	RED
10/25 to 11/7	436	53.4	6.8%	RED
11/1 to 11/14	624	74.9	8.8%	RED
11/08 to 11/21	626	75.1	8.8%	RED
11/15 to 11/28	634	76.1	8.9%	RED
11/22 to 12/5	748	89.7	10.4%	RED
11/29 to 12/11	831	99.7	10.6%	RED
12/06 to 12/19	673	80.7	9.9%	RED
12/13 to 12/26	635	76.2	10.4%	RED
12/20 to 1/2/21	718	86.1	10.4%	RED
12/27 to 1/9/21	797	95.6	10.4%	RED
1/6 to 1/13/21	732	87.8	9.5%	RED
1/10 to 1/23/21	615	73.8	7.9%	RED
1/17 to 1/30/21	549	65.9	7.5%	RED
1/24 to 2/6/2021	478	57.3	7.7%	RED
1/31 to 2/13/2021	404	48.5	6.9%	RED
2/7 to 2/20/2021	324	38.9	5.6%	RED
2/14 to 2/27/2021	281	33.7	4.5%	RED
2/21 to 3/6/2021	219	26.3	3.9%	RED
2/28 to 3/13/2021	164	19.7	3.4%	RED
3/07 to 3/20/2021	196	23.5	3.9%	RED
3/14 to 3/27/2021	260	31.2	4.3%	RED
3/21 to 4/3/2021	287	34.4	4.5%	RED
3/28 to 4/10/2021	258	31.0	4.3%	RED
04/04 to 4/17/2021	258	31.0	4.4%	RED
4/11 to 4/24/2021	278	33.4	4.9%	RED
4/18 to 5/1/2021	237	28.4	4.5%	RED
4/25 to 5/8/2021	207	24.9	4.3%	RED
5/2 to 5/15/2021	126	15.2	3.4%	RED
5/9 to 5/22/2021	60	7.8	2.4%	YELLOW
5/16 to 5/29/2021	<5	<5	1.5%	GRAY
5/23 to 6/05/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
5/30 to 6/12/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/06 to 6/19/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/13 to 6/23/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
6/20 to 7/3/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/27 to 7/10/2021	<5	<5	1.2%	GRAY
7/04 to 7/17/2021	<5	<5	1.7%	GRAY
7/11 to 7/24/2021	47	5.7	2.6%	YELLOW
7/18 to 7/31/2021	78	9.6	3.1%	YELLOW
7/25 to 8/7/2021	140	16.8	4.0%	RED
8/1 to 8/14/2021	168	20.2	5.2%	RED
8/8 to 8/21/2021	156	18.8	4%	RED
8/15 to 8/28/2021	179	21.5	5.8%	RED

8/22 to 9/04/2021	169	20.3	5.3%	RED
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[This dataset](#) includes a count and rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a count of COVID-19 molecular diagnostic tests, and a percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings for the previous two-week period. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).

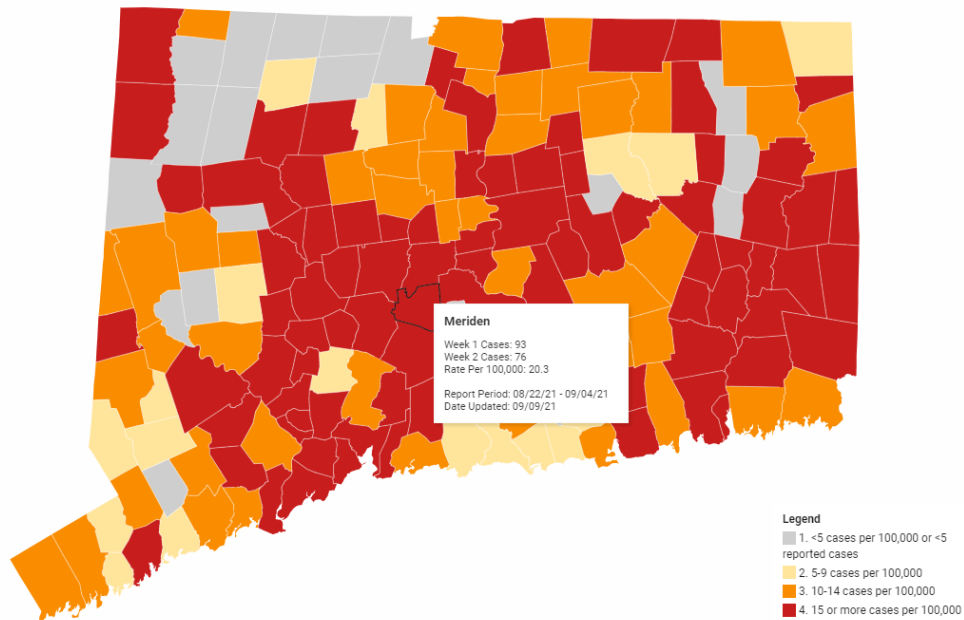
A person is considered a new case only upon their first COVID-19 testing result because a case is defined as an instance or bout of illness. If they are tested again subsequently and are still positive, it still counts toward the test positivity metric but they are not considered another case.

These case and test counts do not include cases or tests among people residing in congregate settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or correctional facilities.

These data are updated weekly and reflect the previous two full Sunday-Saturday (MMWR) weeks (https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR_week_overview.pdf).

Town Map

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE (BIWEEKLY)

[Governor's Executive Order 13B](#) states that long-term care facility staff now must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The following documents contain the bi-weekly data regarding each of the nursing homes in Connecticut that have reported positive cases of COVID-19 among their residents. The data is presented as it was reported to the state by each of the facilities. These reports are issued every other Thursday.

****Download:** [Report from September 2, 2021 on COVID-19 in Connecticut nursing homes](#)

MERIDEN DATA CHARTS

