



**Meriden COVID-19 Response Weekly Update – May 31 to June 4, 2021**  
*From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services*

City of Meriden – as of June 2, 2021	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths
Total Cases	8,146 total (7,486 confirmed and 660 probable)	156

**\*\*\* Meriden is in “GRAY” status on the state alert system \*\*\***  
**Keep up the good work Meriden!**

WEAR A MASK      STAY 6 FEET APART      AVOID CROWDS      GET A VACCINE

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**

**Upcoming Clinics:**

**Hartford Healthcare will be at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center, 175 E. Main Street, on Monday, June 7 from 3-6pm for a second and first dose clinic. Walk ins for first dose are welcome from 4-6pm. Both Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson will be offered.**

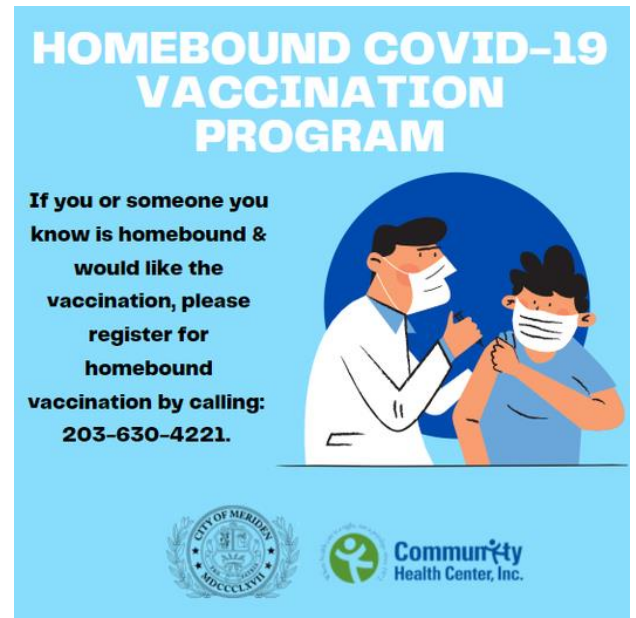
**Our next COVID-19 vaccination clinic is June 10 from 3:00-6:00pm. We will offer the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines at the Meriden Senior Center. Those 12 and over can call 203-630-4221 to make an appointment; walk-ins will also be welcome. Second dose will be July 8.**

**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.

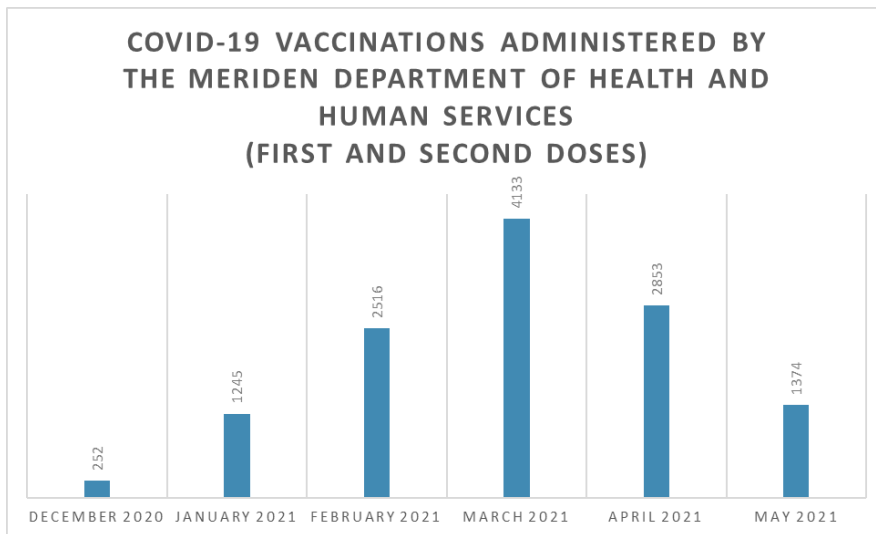
If you only need a ride to get a COVID-19 shot, you should not complete this form. You should click on this [Transportation Resources](#) link for help finding a ride.

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

- Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – 203-630-4221
- Hartford Healthcare – 860-827-7690
- UCONN Health – 860-679-4400
- [Yale New Haven Health](#)
- [Walgreens](#)
- [CVS Pharmacy](#)
- [Walmart](#)
- CT COVID Vaccine Assistance Line – 877-918-2224
- Online: A form can be accessed online at [ct.gov/covidvaccine](http://ct.gov/covidvaccine) that allows individuals to schedule an appointment through the web-based Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS).



**Our Department has given 12,400 vaccines since our first vaccine clinic held December 23, 2020.**



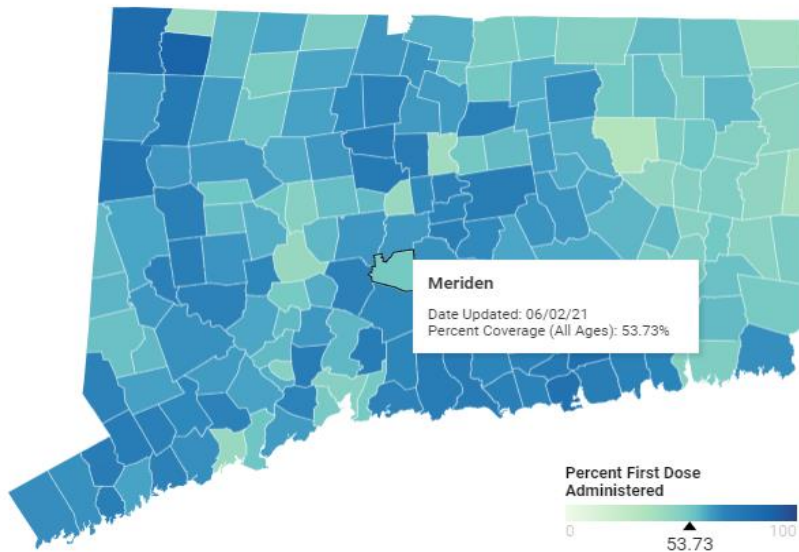
Here are some links if you would like to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- [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](#)

As of June 2, **53.73%** of Meriden’s total population has had a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

### Percent of Population All Ages Who Have at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination

As reported to the CT Immunization Registry (CT Wiz)



Data are preliminary and are subject to change.

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Source: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CoVP-COVID-Vaccine-Distribution-Data/bhcd-4mnv/>

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 6/02/21)
Meriden over 65 years	92.62%
Meriden 45 to 65 year olds	72.82%
Meriden 15 to 44 year olds	48.7%

**As of June 2, 44.14% of Meriden’s residents are FULL VACCINATED.**

**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 June 3:

Dose	Total Administered
First dose administered	2,167,206*
Fully vaccinated	1,860,398*
Total doses administered	3,888,393*

*\*A total of 139,211 doses of the single-dose J&J vaccine are included in all three categories.*

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

- 93% of those over the age of 65
- 83% of those between 55-64
- 72% of those between 45-54
- 67% of those between 35-44
- 57% of those between 25-34
- 53% of those between 18-24
- 59% of those between 16-17
- 35% of those between 12-15

**MASK GUIDANCE FOR FULLY VACCINATED PERSONS**

### Masks in Connecticut: What’s next?

**Outdoors:**

- Masks not required

**Indoors:**

- Vaccinated not required to wear masks
- Unvaccinated must continue to wear masks
- Businesses, state and local government offices & events may choose to require universal masking



- Masks still required in certain settings
- Healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public & private transit, correctional facilities, schools, childcare

**#ConnecticutRespect**

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

# Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
Least Safe		<b>Indoor</b>	
		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
	Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class		

### Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**

**Take prevention measures**

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## TESTING INFORMATION

Here is the link to testing sites in Connecticut, provided by Infoline 211:

<https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p>

Local testing sites include:

- [MidState Medical Center](#) (435 Lewis Avenue, Mon-Saturday 8a-4PM. 8-10am is designated for surgical patients)

- [Community Health Center](#) (134 State Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm)

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. This test takes 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.**

## SCHOOL UPDATES – School ends June 10!

**MERIDEN PARENTS – DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL OR ACTIVITIES WITH A POSITIVE OR PENDING COVID-19 TEST! STAY HOME UNTIL YOU GET YOUR RESULTS!**

### School Dashboard as of June 3, 2021:

Meriden Public Schools Quarantine Dashboard				
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
All Time Totals	349	130	2674	260
Current Totals	0	0	0	0
Finished Totals	349	130	2674	260
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
All Time Percentages	4.31%	11.69%	33.02%	23.38%
Current Percentage	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

We also provide guidance to both Wilcox Tech, Thomas Edison Magnet School, and our private schools (not included in the numbers above).

CT School Learning Indicators are intended to assist school districts in determining the level of in-person education they will offer. They are updated weekly and released every Thursday: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CT-School-Reopening/ddy2-ijgu/>

## GUIDANCE FOR YOUTH CAMPS

[The CDC has updated their guidance for youth camps.](#) Below are the key points; please check with your camp for any specific regulations they may have.

### Key Points

- COVID-19 vaccines are [safe and effective](#), and widely accessible in the United States.
- Everyone aged 12 years and older is recommended to be [vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and spreading COVID-19.
- This guidance is intended for all types of youth day and overnight camps. The guidance outlines strategies that camp programs can use to help maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.
- For camps where everyone is [fully vaccinated](#) prior to the start of camp, it is safe to return to full capacity, without masking, and without physical distancing in accordance with [CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#); except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks, camp programs should be supportive of campers or staff who choose to wear a mask.
- Consistent and layered use of multiple prevention strategies can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated including campers, staff, and their families.
- This guidance describes physical distancing recommendations for youth camps. These recommendations align with current evidence for physical distancing in K-12 [schools](#).
- Campers should be assigned to cohorts that will remain together for the entire camp session without mixing, to the largest extent possible.
- This CDC guidance is meant to supplement—**not replace**—any federal, state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which camps must comply



## CONTACT TRACING

**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.

Our contact tracing team consists of 3 part time employees, one of which are bilingual (Spanish), and our Public Health Educator. The Director of Health and Associate Director of Health also make calls. Contact tracers will provide you with [self-quarantine guidance for a potential COVID exposure](#).

### **HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO SELF-QUARANTINE BY A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT?**

If you are identified by our office – or any local health department - as a close contact of someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 **please stay home** for [the duration of your quarantine](#). Our office will give you your end of quarantine date.

**THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR CITY!**

## **CONTACT TRACING - COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR PROGRAM – *Note, this state program is ending in August***

If you are asked to isolate or quarantine, but have concerns about income, employment, groceries, housing, or your personal safety, we are here to help. During our contact tracing interview, we will ask if you feel you need help with these services. If you say yes, we can connect you with [Community Resources Coordinator](#) services. Services are available up to 2 days (48 hours) until your quarantine/isolation ends.

Programs and services include:

- **The Community Resource Coordinator (CRC) program:** This public-private partnership draws on the strengths and connections of community based organizations and leverages state, federal, local and philanthropic contributions. CRCs will be responsible for working hand-in-hand with the contact tracing team, providers and service organizations to ensure that individuals have access to food, housing, and income they need to stay at home. The state has partnered with five regional community based organizations to run this program, and hire CRCs locally who know their communities – and can ensure individuals get access to what they need quickly.
- **COVID kits for those who need to monitor their symptoms**
- **Housing support**
- **Food assistance**

*Note – 4-CT Cash Cards are no longer available.*

**Reach Out Connecticut** is a free support line staffed by compassionate listeners who want to listen and help. They are available to offer free emotional support and a listening ear to all residents of Connecticut. Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30AM–7PM; Friday 8:30AM –



6PM; Saturday-Sunday 11am – 7pm. Phone: 844-825-5428 or visit the website, <https://www.reachoutconnecticut.org> for additional information. Please note this is not a clinical resource.

## TOWN ALERT LEVELS

The CT DPH launched 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. The weekly alert level is also accompanied by municipal-level guidance on recommended actions for individual residents, institutions such as schools, houses of worship, community organizations, municipal leaders, and local health directors.

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%	<b>RED</b>
5/9 to 5/22/2021	60	7.8	2.4%	<b>YELLOW</b>
5/16 to 5/29/2021	<5	<5	1.5%	<b>GRAY</b>

[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).

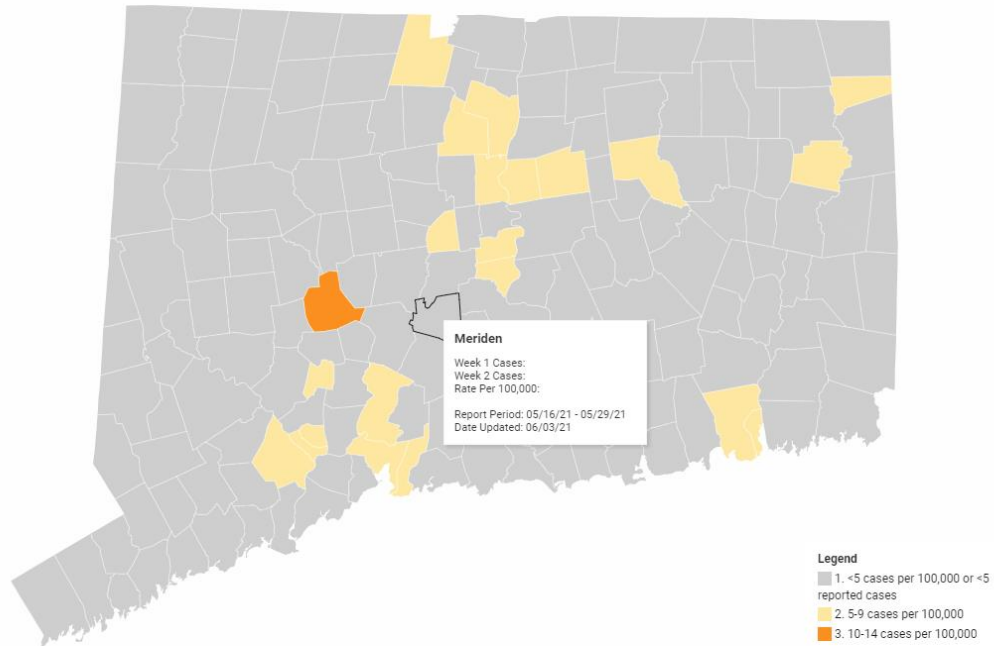
A person is considered a new case only upon their first COVID-19 testing result because a case is defined as an instance or bout of illness. If they are tested again subsequently and are still positive, it still counts toward the test positivity metric but they are not considered another case.

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](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**



This map shows the average daily rate of new cases of COVID-19 by town during the past two weeks. 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.  
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## NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

### [Weekly update on the impact of COVID-19 on nursing homes and assisted living facilities](#)

The following documents contain the weekly data regarding each of the nursing homes and assisted living facilities 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.

[Click here](#) for the June 3 report on nursing homes

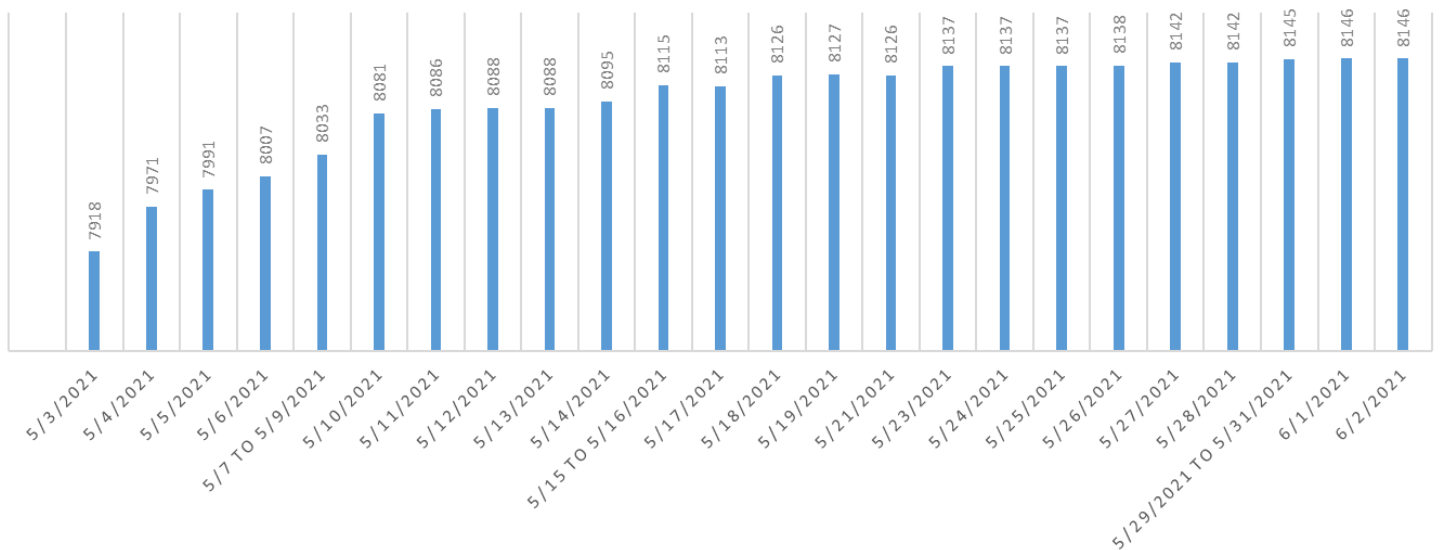
[Click here](#) for the June 3 report on assisted living facilities

## DATA CHARTS

### Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker

TOTAL POSITIVE CASES: 347,748 | TESTS REPORTED: 9,259,012 | CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED: 89 | DEATHS: 8,245

### MERIDEN DAILY COVID-19 CASES: MAY 1, 2021 TO PRESENT



Meriden COVID-19 Total Cases By Month (Confirmed and Probable)

