

COVID-19 Weekly Summary – Town of Durham 2/5/2021

According to the State of Connecticut, almost 60% of Durham’s 75 and older population has received at least a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Our clinics have provided approximately 150 doses of the vaccine to eligible individuals. To view the statewide vaccination map: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CoVP-COVID-Vaccine-Distribution-Data/bhcd-4mnv/>

Currently our clinics are open to Durham residents, age 75 and older. Clinics are dependent on vaccine availability. If you are a Durham resident, age 75 or older, and would like to be added to the tentative waiting list, contact the Human Services office. Please note we cannot schedule second dose appointments if you had a first dose elsewhere. Please be patient as we are receiving a high volume of calls at this time.

Currently we are only able to vaccinate those who fall into Phase 1A or those 75 or older. Information will be provided on how to schedule an appointment for the vaccine once the state releases more guidance and opens to the 65-74 cohort. Sign up to receive our Health Department Govcasts: <https://www.townofdurhamct.org/content/27536/28604/default.aspx>

It is important to continue CDC recommended protective measures such as mask wearing, hand washing, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and waiting to gather with others outside your household. Even as vaccines continue rolling out, please continue these protective measures.

CDC - How to Protect Yourself & Others: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Numbers, Data Tables, & Graphs*

*All data subject to change







New Cases Past Two Weeks: Durham = 35

1/17/21- 1/23/21	19
1/24/21 – 1/30/21	16

To see statewide data: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.

Durham is still in the red category, meaning we fall into the 15 or more cases per 100,000. All of our surrounding towns fall into the red category. The majority of the state now falls into the red category with

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
TOWN-LEVEL COVID RESPONSE FRAMEWORK**

	Yellow 5-9 cases per 100k per day	Orange 10-14 cases per 100k per day	Red 15+ cases per 100k per day
 DPH Response	Outreach to Local Health Department	Weekly calls with Local Officials	Issue Public Health Alert
	ENCOURAGE TESTING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC RESIDENTS		
	HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS SHOULD STAY HOME, STAY SAFE		
 Individuals	Masks, distancing, extra precautions for high risk	Avoid larger events, limit time with non-family members	Limit trips outside home, avoid gatherings with non-family members
 Communities	Scale up public awareness, social media	Scale back public events	Cancel public events and limit community gathering points; Reverse 9-1-1
 Organized Group Activities	Move activities outdoors where possible	Limit group sizes; Postpone indoor activities where mask wearing or social distancing cannot be maintained	Postpone all indoor activities; Postpone outdoor activities where mask wearing or social distancing cannot be maintained
 Pre K-12 Schools	Re-Enforce and monitor safety measures with staff, students and families	Maximize spacing, mask wearing, ventilation and hygiene to support in-person learning	In collaboration with Local Health Department and Superintendent, consider more distance learning above 25
	REMINDE STAFF TO ASSESS THEIR SYMPTOMS DAILY AND NOT REPORT TO WORK IF THEY ARE ILL		
 Business & Sector Rules	Phase 3 with enhanced enforcement	Phase 3 with enhanced enforcement	Municipal option to revert to Phase 2

**CT DPH would like to remind everyone of the 3 W's:
Wear your mask, Wash your hands, and Watch your distance!**

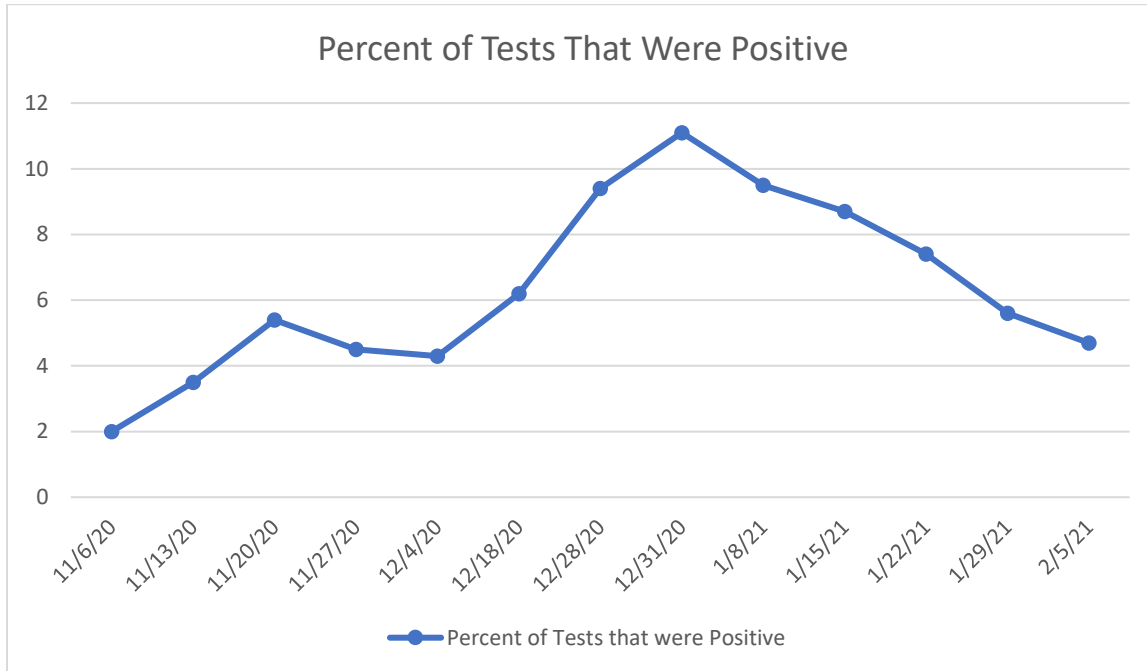
the exception of 8 towns.

Chart found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg>

Total # of Tests Past Two Weeks: Durham = 967 (-28 from 995)

Percent of Tests that were Positive: Durham = 4.7 (-.9% from 5.6%)



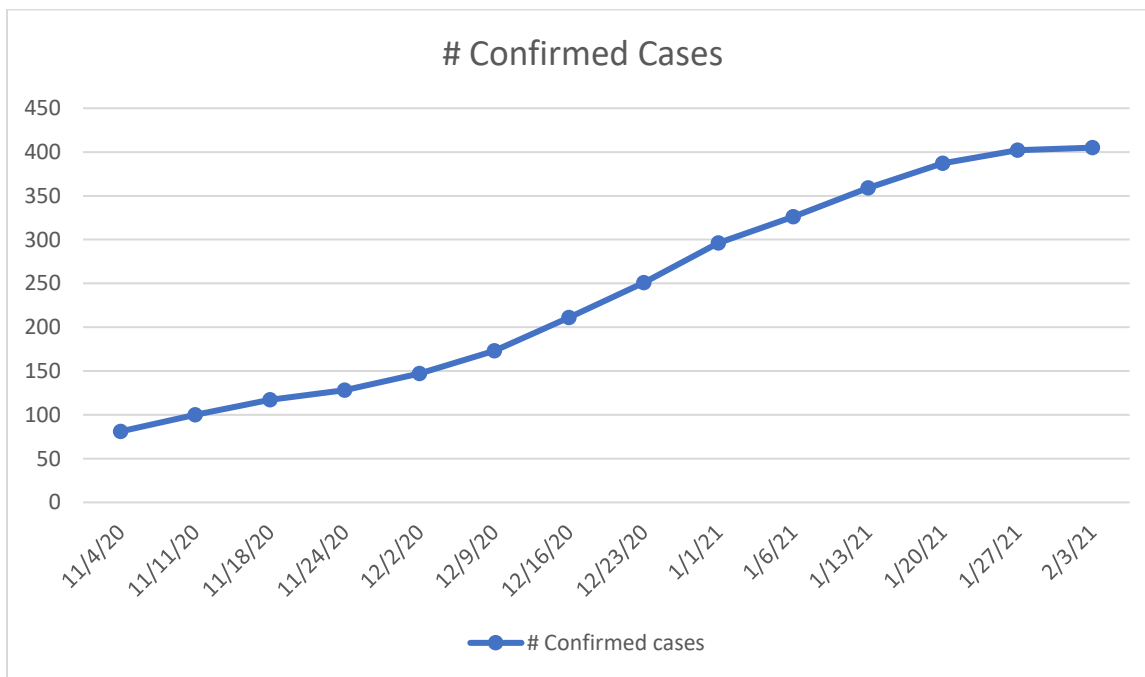
Total # People Tested: Durham = 4,047 (Through 2-3-2021)

	# Tested Up to 11/4/20	# Tested 11/4/20-11/11/20	# Tested 11/11/20-11/18/20	# Tested 11/18/20-11/24/20	# Tested 11/24/20-12/2/20	# Tested 12/2/20-12/9/20	# Tested 12/9/20-12/16/20	# Tested 12/16/20-12/23/20
New		144	179	123	171	169	130	102
Cumulative	2,292	2,436	2,615	2,738	2,909	3,078	3,208	3,310
	# Tested 12/23/20-1/1/21	# Tested 1/1/21-1/6/21	# Tested 1/6/21-1/13/21	# Tested 1/13/21-1/20/21	# Tested 1/20/21-1/27/21	# Tested 1/27/21-2/3/21		
New	199	101	123	147	92	75		
Cumulative	3,509	3,610	3,733	3,880	3,972	4,047		

Total Confirmed Cases: Durham = 405 (Through 2-3-2021)

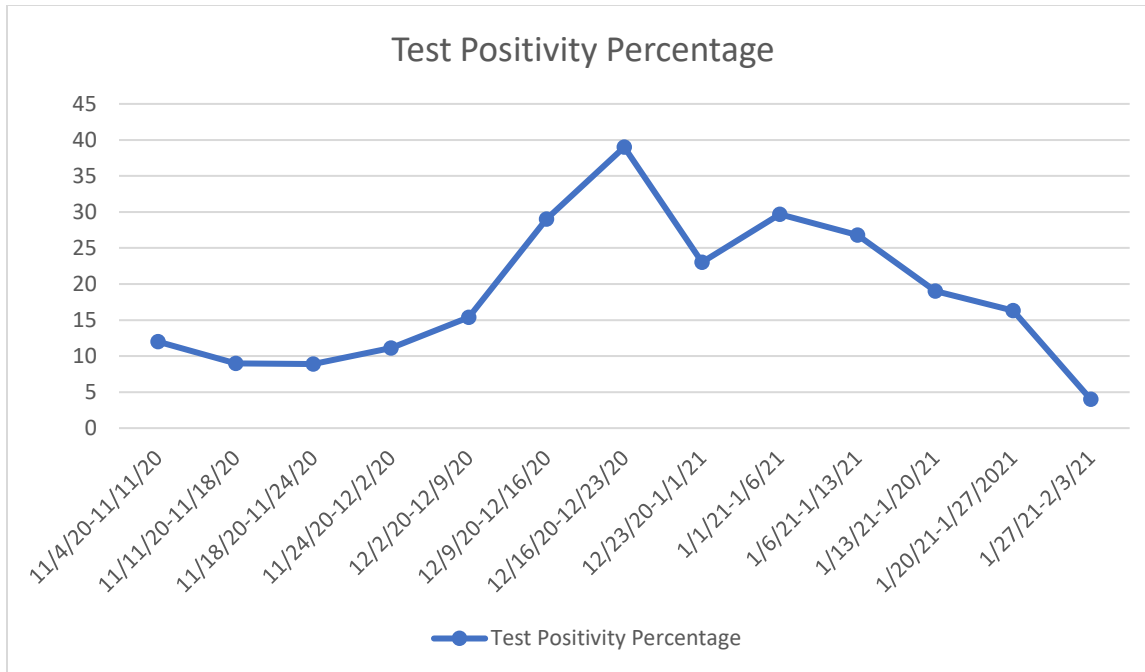
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New		19	17	11	19	26

Cumulative	81	100	117	128	147	173
	# Confirmed Cases 12/9/20- 12/16/20	# Confirmed cases 12/16/20- 12/23/20	# Confirmed cases 12/23/20- 1/1/21	# Confirmed cases 1/1/21- 1/6/21	# Confirmed cases 1/6/21- 1/13/21	# Confirmed cases 1/13/21- 1/20/21
New	38	40	45	30	33	28
Cumulative	211	251	296	326	359	387
	# Confirmed cases 1/20/21- 1/27/21	# Confirmed cases 1/27/21- 2/3/21				
New	15	3				
Cumulative	402	405				



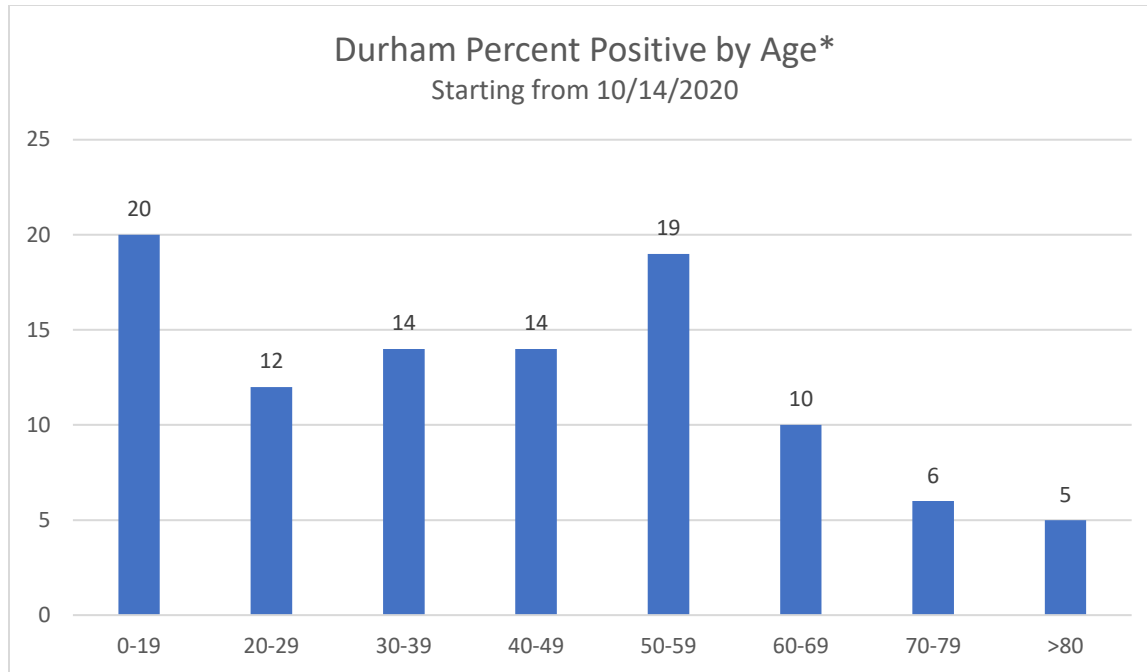
Percentage of Tests that were Positive: Durham = 19% (1/13/21 – 1/20/21)

Week	11/4/20- 11/11/20	11/11/20- 11/18/20	11/18/20- 11/24/20	11/24/20- 12/2/20	12/2/20- 12/9/20	12/9/20- 12/16/20	12/16/20- 12/23/20	12/23/20- 1/1/21
% Positive	13%	9%	8.9%	11.1%	15.4%	29%	39%	23%
Week	1/1/21- 1/6/21	1/6/21- 1/13/21	1/13/21- 1/20/21	1/20/21- 1/27/21	1/27/21- 2/3/21			
% Positive	29.7%	26.8%	19%	16.3%	4%			



Total Deaths: Durham = 3 up to 2/3/2021

	Up to 11/4/20	11/4/20 – 11/11/20	11/11/20- 11/18/20	11/18/20- 11/24/20	11/24/20- 12/2/20	12/2/20- 12/9/20	12/9/20- 12/16/20
Week		0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	12/16/20- 12/23/20	12/23/20- 1/1/21	1/1/21- 1/6/21	1/6/21- 1/13/21	1/13/21- 1/20/21	1/20/21- 1/27/21	1/27/21- 2/3/21
Week	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cumulative	2	2	3	3	3	3	3



*Last Updated 1/15/21

Vaccinations

Phase 1b roll out, as of 1/19/2021:

Governor Lamont directed the Department of Public Health to roll-out Phase 1b in the following manner:

- **Scheduling now:** Individuals 75 years-of-age and over;
- **Scheduling next (likely early February):** Individuals 65-years-of-age and over;
- **Scheduling information coming soon (likely early March):** Frontline essential workers and individuals underlying medical condition with increased risk for severe illness.

More information and instruction about when scheduling for individuals 65-years and over can begin will be forthcoming. Until that time, all outreach, scheduling, and efforts will continue to focus on individuals over the age of 75.

Important Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccinations:

- Residents should not call their physician or regular medical provider to schedule an appointment – not all providers are currently administering vaccine. Please, follow the instructions below if you are 75+.
- An appointment is *always* required to receive a vaccination; please do not just show up at a vaccination location, you will be turned away.
 - If you are 75+, appointments can be set up in three ways:

- **Through a Healthcare Provider or Local Health Department (LHD):** Some residents **have already been or will be contacted** to schedule an appointment by their healthcare provider or LHD if they are participating in the state's vaccine program. Not all providers or LHDs are administering the vaccine.
 - **Through the State's Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) Online:** A form can be accessed online at ct.gov/covidvaccine that allows individuals to schedule an appointment through the web-based system. This system is used by a wide range of providers and LHDs, and will allow you to find the locations closest to you.
 - **Telephone:** Those without the ability to schedule an appointment online may call Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line at **877-918-2224**. The phone system was created through a partnership between the Department of Public Health and United Way of Connecticut, and is specifically targeted to provide support for eligible vaccine recipients who have limited technology access, or who have language, disability, or other barriers that could prevent them from using existing self-scheduling options successfully. The line will take calls on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will offer a call-back option when all contact specialists are busy serving other callers. The team will aim to return calls as soon as possible, with the goal of same-day response.
- **Patience, Patience, Patience:** There are limited appointments and limited vaccinations available at this time. We are currently scheduling appointments for individuals who are aged 75 and up. Please be patient with the system.
 - Phase 1b guidance: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases>
 - VAMS enrollment link for those 75 and older or those eligible from phase 1a to sign up: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine> or phone number for those 75 and older with no access to a computer or email: 877-918-6733
 - If you are a Durham resident, aged 75 or older, you are welcome to contact (860) 349-3153 or mperry@townofdurhamct.org. We are creating a tentative waiting list for those 75 and older. Once we receive confirmation that we are having a clinic, we start from the top of the list and work our way down to schedule and complete the paperwork until all spots are filled for that clinic. We echo the state's call: please be patient. We are receiving an extremely high volume of calls at this time. And please remember that this is a tentative list. Clinics depend on vaccine availability. *If you end up scheduling an appointment elsewhere, please let us know so we can remove you from the list.
 - A good resource for vaccine related questions: <https://www.resilience-ed.org/vaccinations>

The modules covers the following topics:

1. Introduction to the COVID-19 vaccines
2. Why Vaccines Prevent Disease and Protect the Unvaccinated
3. Why Do Some People Find Vaccines To Be Controversial?
4. Vaccine Testing and the FDA Approval Process
5. mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines 101
6. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan
7. How many shots of COVID-19 vaccine will be needed?
8. The impact of vaccinations on our everyday lives

More Information & Executive Orders

- Executive Order 9N was issued 11/26/2020. This increases fines for businesses from \$500 to \$10,000 per violation. <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-9N.pdf>
- Starting November 6, Connecticut rolled back into phase 2.1. Rules and regulations can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>. Some of the changes include reducing seating capacity at restaurants by 50%, closing restaurants and entertainment venues by 9:30 PM (not including take out or delivery services), and limiting indoor events to 25 people and outdoor events to 50 people. More changes and a chart can be found by following the link.

February 4, 2021: [Executive Order No. 10](#)

- Exclusion of individual stimulus payments from benefit eligibility calculations
- Suspension of reapplication filing requirement for the additional veterans tax relief program
- Suspension of reapplication filing requirement for the Homeowners' – Elderly/Disabled Circuit Breaker and Freeze Tax Relief Programs
- Use of commuter parking facilities as needed for COVID-19 testing and vaccination
- Renewals of liquor permits extended
- Paid leave requirements for staff of local and regional boards of education
- Relaxation of limits on religious gatherings
- Absentee voting eligibility during COVID-19 pandemic

December 23, 2020: [Executive Order No. 9T](#)

- Extension of eviction moratorium

These and more found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Orders-issued-by-the-Governor-and-State-Agencies>