

COVID-19 Weekly Summary – Town of Durham 2/26/2021

According to the State of Connecticut, 97% of Durham’s 75 and older population, 56% of Durham’s 65-74 population, and over 20% of Durham’s total population has been vaccinated with at least a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. To view the statewide vaccination data:

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

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 = 19

2/7/21 – 2/13/21	9
2/14/21 – 2/20/21	10

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 except for Haddam, in orange, and Middlefield, in yellow.

The majority of the state falls into the red category with the exception of 52 towns.

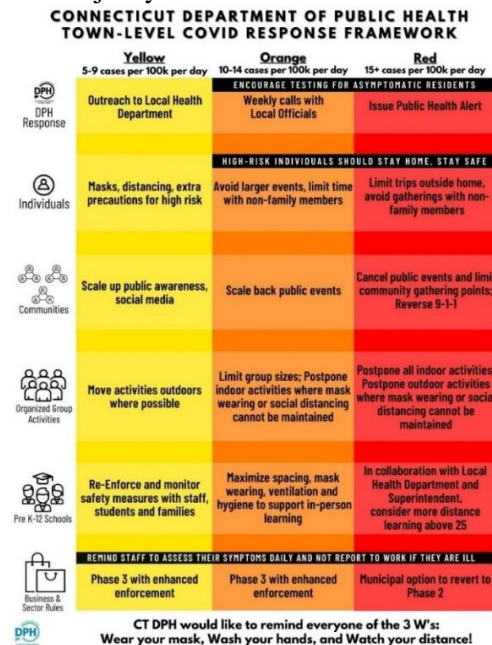
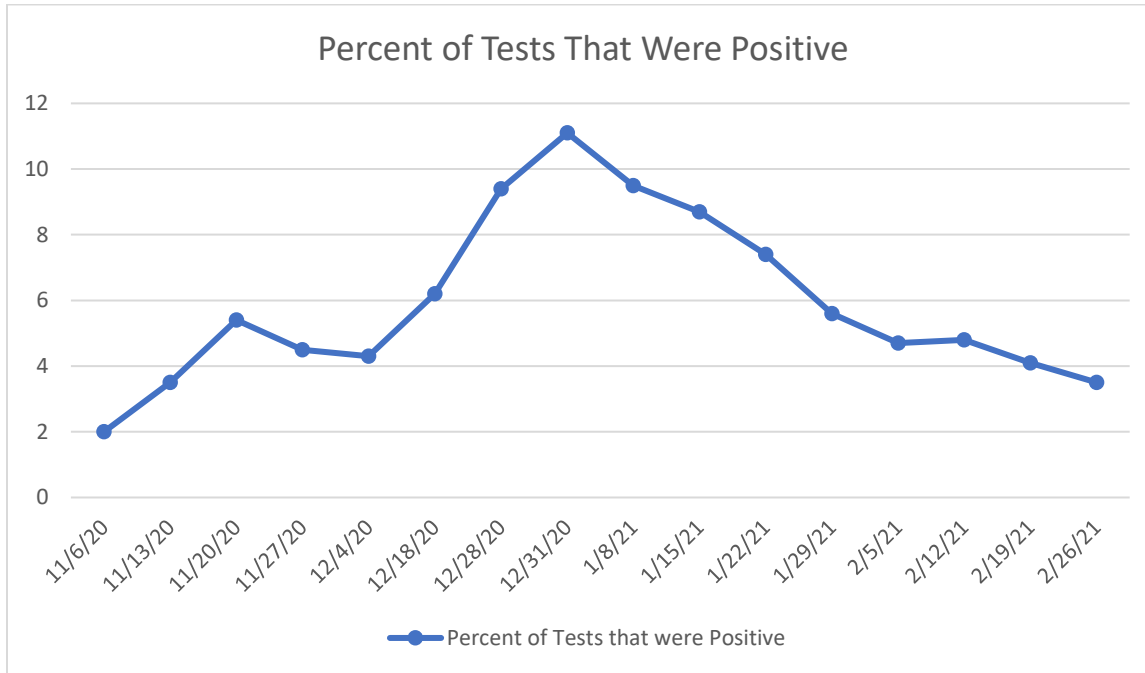


Chart found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg>

Total # of Tests Past Two Weeks: Durham = 680 (-44 from 724)

Percent of Tests that were Positive: Durham = 3.5% (-.6 from 4.1%)

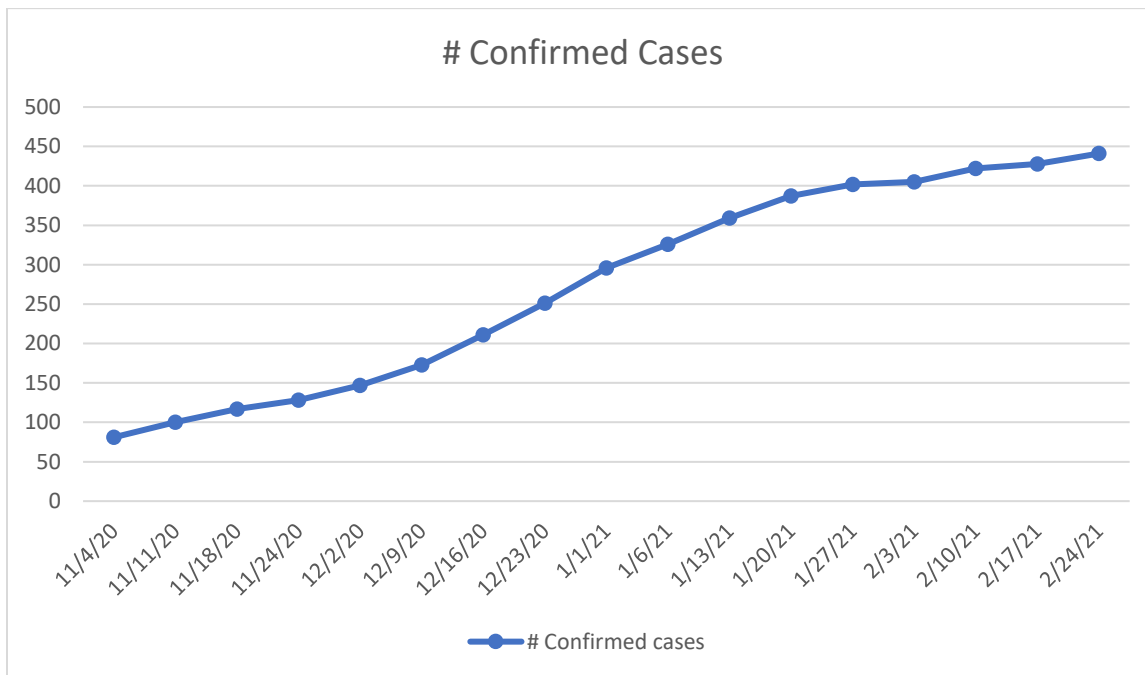


Total # People Tested: Durham = 4,234 (Through 2-24-2021)

	# 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	# Tested 2/3/21- 2/10/21	# Tested 2/10/21- 2/17/21
New	199	101	123	147	92	75	78	58
Cumulative	3,509	3,610	3,733	3,880	3,972	4,047	4,125	4,183
	# Tested 2/17/21- 2/24/21							
New	51							
Cumulative	4,234							

Total Confirmed Cases: Durham = 441 (Through 2-24-2021)

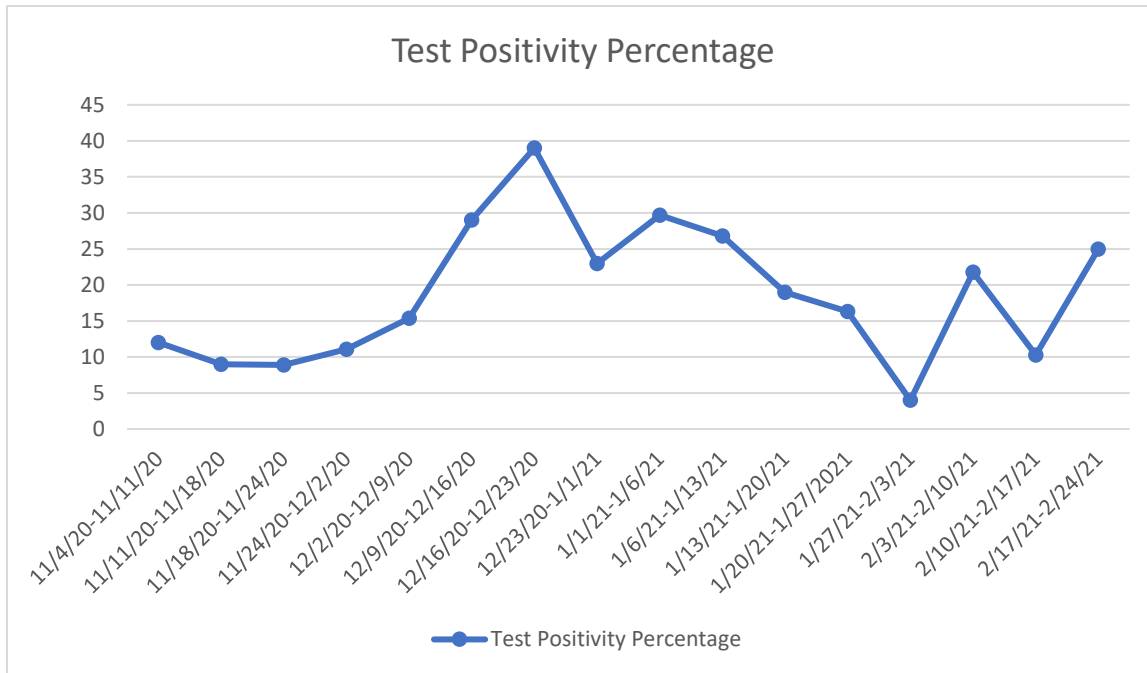
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New		19	17	11	19	26
Cumulative	81	100	117	128	147	173
	# Confirmed Cases 12/9/20- 12/16/20	# Confirmed cases 12/16/20- 12/23/20	# Confirmed cases 12/23/20- 1/1/21	# Confirmed cases 1/1/21- 1/6/21	# Confirmed cases 1/6/21- 1/13/21	# Confirmed cases 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	# Confirmed cases 2/3/21- 2/10/21	# Confirmed cases 2/10/21- 2/17/21	# Confirmed cases 2/17/21- 2/24/21	
New	15	3	17	6	13	
Cumulative	402	405	422	428	441	



Percentage of Tests that were Positive: Durham = 25% (2/17/21- 2/24/21)

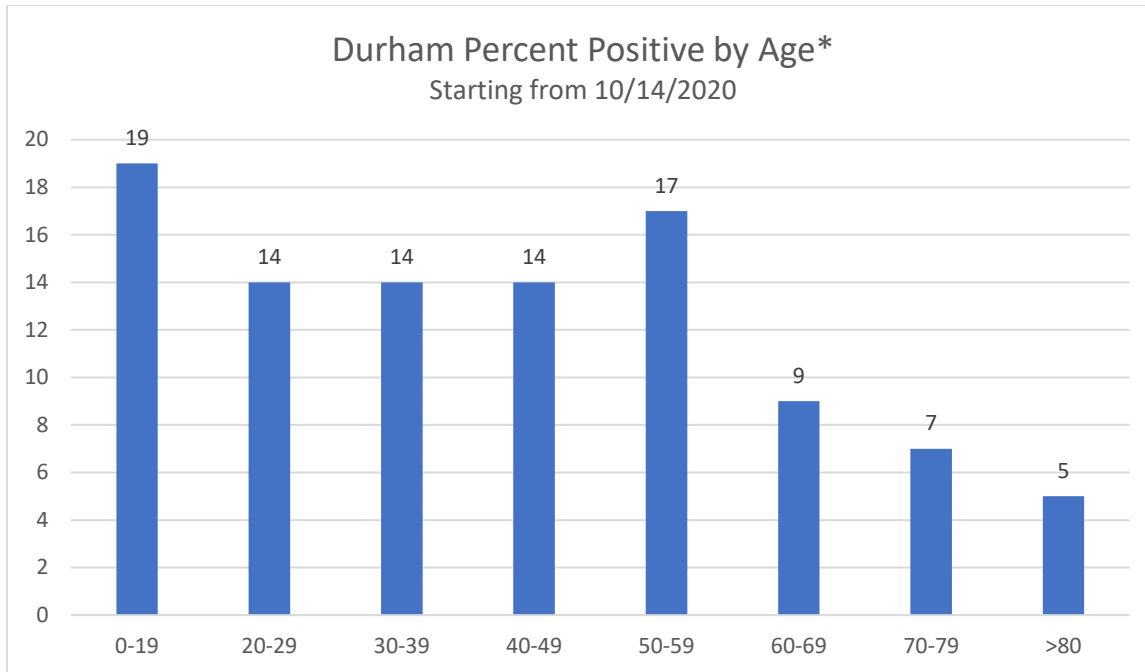
Week	11/4/20- 11/11/20	11/11/20- 11/18/20	11/18/20- 11/24/20	11/24/20- 12/2/20	12/2/20- 12/9/20	12/9/20- 12/16/20	12/16/20- 12/23/20	12/23/20- 1/1/21
% Positive	13%	9%	8.9%	11.1%	15.4%	29%	39%	23%

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	2/3/21-2/10/21	2/10/21-2/17/21	2/17/21-2/24/21
% Positive	29.7%	26.8%	19%	16.3%	4%	21.8%	10.3%	25%



Total Deaths: Durham = 4 up to 2/24/2021

	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
	2/3/21- 2/10/21	2/10/21- 2/17/21	2/17/21- 2/24/21				
Week	0	1	0				
Cumulative	3	4	4				



*Last Updated 2/23/21

Vaccinations

UPDATE 2/26/2021: COVID Vaccine Eligibility

COVID Vaccine Eligibility Starting March 1

The following groups will be able to start scheduling appointments on March 1:

Educators and Child Care Providers:

- Pre-K-12 Teachers, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, food service providers, school bus drivers and childcare providers as well as in-school administrative staff. Does not include individuals who are not required to work on-site in a school.

Individuals 55 and Older:

- Residents and employees within the State of CT who are 55+

COVID Vaccine Eligibility

The following groups are currently eligible and will remain eligible.

Healthcare Personnel:

- Paid and unpaid people serving in healthcare settings with potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients of infectious materials.

Medical First Responders:

- Individuals who respond to medical 911 calls and face risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Long-Term Care Facility Residents:

- Adults who reside in facilities that provide a range of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.

Residents and Staff of select congregate settings:

- Staff and residents of halfway homes, inpatient mental health facilities, correction facilities, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, substance use and residential treatment facilities along with others.

Individuals 65 and Older:

- Residents and workers within the State of CT who are 65+

Registering and Scheduling Options:

- **You may schedule through certain health care facilities or pharmacies such as CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart and other options found here:**
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>
- **Connecticut's Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) Online:** A form can be accessed online at <https://vams.cdc.gov/vaccineportal/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fvaccineportal%2Fs%2F> that allows individuals to schedule an appointment through the web-based system. This system is used by a wide range of providers and local health districts and will allow you to find locations closest to you.
- **For those without internet access: You may call Connecticut's COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assistant Line at 877-918-2224.** This 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 Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 8:00PM.
- **You may hear directly from your health care provider or be able to schedule through your online portal.**
- **Durham residents, age 65 and older or Durham residents eligible for Phase 1A** may visit the Durham Recreation RecDesk page: <https://durhamct.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=392> to sign up for the tentative waiting list for vaccination clinics. Please note that our clinics are based on vaccine availability. Clinics are confirmed on a week-to-week basis. Once we receive confirmation, we start from where we left off on the list and work our way down until all appointments are filled for that clinic. If we are able to schedule you, we will call you, provide you a time to come in, and complete the paperwork over the phone. Please let us know if you schedule elsewhere. Also, we cannot schedule second dose appointments if you received the first dose elsewhere.
 - If you are a Durham resident age 75 or older or a Durham resident eligible for Phase 1A, you may call the Human Services office directly: (860) 349-3153.

- For technical assistance with the Rec-Desk page, you may call Sherry Hill: 860-343-6724.
- **Durham residents, age 55-64** may visit the Durham Recreation RecDesk page: <https://durhamct.recdesk.com/Community/Home> to sign up for the tentative waiting list for vaccination clinics. Please choose the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for the 55-64 age group. Please note that our clinics are based on vaccine availability. Clinics are confirmed on a week-to-week basis. Once we receive confirmation, we start from where we left off on the list and work our way down until all appointments are filled for that clinic. If we are able to schedule you, we will call you, provide you a time to come in, and complete the paperwork over the phone. Please let us know if you schedule elsewhere. Also, we cannot schedule second dose appointments if you received the first dose elsewhere.

Patience, Patience, Patience: There are limited appointments and limited vaccinations at this time. Please be patient with the system.

- **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 8, 2021: [**Executive Order No. 10A**](#)

- Extension of COVID-19 executive orders
- Extension of agency and municipal emergency orders
- Extension of eviction moratorium
- Effective dates for protection from civil liability for actions of omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response
- Extension until March 1, 2021 of certain provisions related to court operations and associated requirements

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>

Helpful links:

DPH Vaccination Phases - <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---Phases>

Link to the DPH COVID-19 site - <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

Link to CDC Guidance - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Link to the CT Travel Advisory page - <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel>

Link to CT COVID Data Page - <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-data/wa3g-tfvc/>

Link to CT COVID Vaccine page - <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccinations>

Town of Durham's Health Department Govcast Email Sign Up:

<https://www.townofdurhamct.org/content/27536/28604/default.aspx>

Town of Durham COVID-19 website page: <https://www.townofdurhamct.org/coronavirus>