



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

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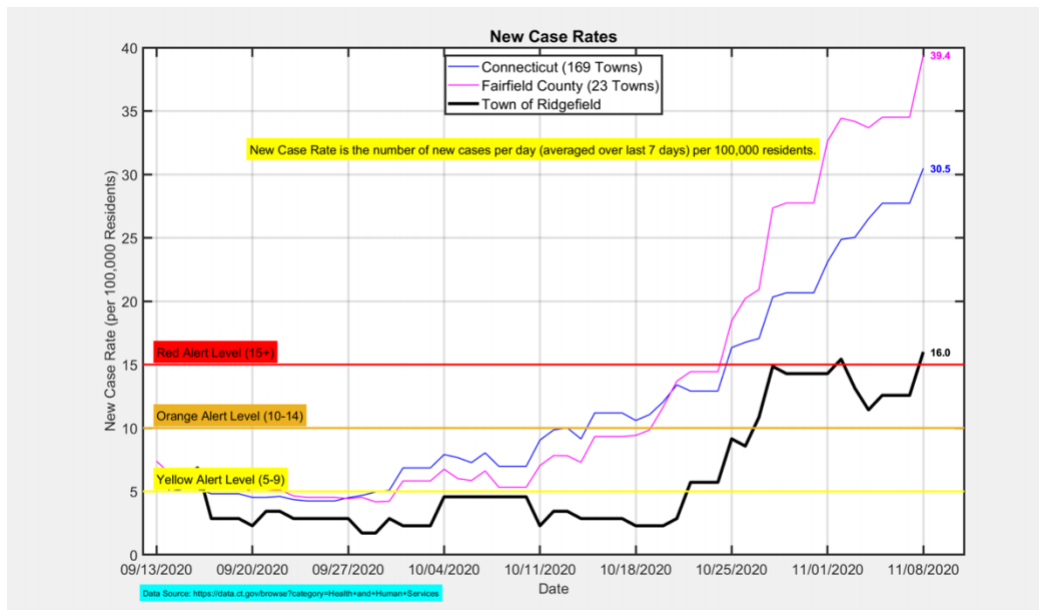
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Ridgefield, CT - November 10, 2020: RIDGEFIELD IS TRENDING TOWARDS RED

Ridgefield is flirting very dangerously with the most critical COVID response level and our data shows that if we continue on this trend over the next seven days, we will be designated by the State as a red town. We are currently averaging four cases per day occurring in all age groups and have dipped into the red zone three times in the last ten days. As the holidays approach, if we all don't act promptly to mitigate our current trend, we could see an explosion with a large increase of infections and potential spreaders.

The chart below shows Ridgefield's current New Case Rate along with that of Fairfield County and the State of CT. Note that we have recently been crossing into the Red Alert Zone and the COVID Task Force is closely monitoring this situation.



Being in the red can potentially roll us back to Phase 2 and possibly Phase 1, however if we increase our vigilance, we still have a short window to alter this trend. We are therefore asking everyone to make sure they are following the State COVID Response rules.

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The following chart shows rules for each Phase (All of Connecticut is currently in Phase 2.1).

Phase Comparisons

Industry	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 2.1 - Effective 11/6/20
Restaurants	Up to 50% capacity indoors with 6 ft spacing and/or non-porous barriers	Up to 75% capacity indoors with 6 ft spacing and/or non-porous barriers	Up to 50% capacity indoors with 6 ft spacing and/or non-porous barriersMax of 8 people/table
Personal Services	Up to 50% capacity indoors with 6 ft spacing and/or non-porous barriers	Up to 75% capacity indoors with 6 ft spacing and/or non-porous barriers	See Phase 3 rules
Libraries	Up to 50% capacity indoors	Up to 75% capacity indoors	See Phase 3 rules
Outdoor Event Venues (e.g. Amphitheaters, Race Tracks)	Up to 25% with social distancing and masks required	Up to 50% with social distancing and masks required	Up to 25% with social distancing and masks required
Indoor Performing Arts Theaters	Closed	Up to 50% capacity with 6 ft spacing between parties	Up to 50% capacity with 6 ft spacing between parties, capped at 100 people
Indoor Recreation	Up to 50% with social distancing and masks required	Up to 50% with social distancing and masks required	Up to 50% with social distancing and masks required, movie theaters and similar entertainment venues capped at 100 people
Private, Social and Recreational Gathering Sizes – Commercial Venue	Indoor – Cap of 25 people Outdoor – Cap of 100 people	Indoor – Up to 50% capacity, capped at 100 people Outdoor – Cap of 150 people	Indoor – Cap of 25 people Outdoor – Cap of 50 people
Private, Social and Recreational Gathering Sizes – Private Residences	Indoor – Cap of 25 people Outdoor – Cap of 100 people	Indoor – Cap of 25 people Outdoor – Cap of 150 people	Indoor – Cap of 10 people Outdoor – Cap of 10 people
Graduations	Indoor – Not allowed Outdoor – One time exemption capped at 150 people with masks and social distancing required	Indoor – Up to 50% capacity, capped at 200 with masks and social distancing required Outdoor – Up to 50% capacity or 6 ft spacing, no capacity limit with masks and social distancing required	Indoor – Up to 50% capacity, capped at 100 with masks and social distancing required Outdoor – See Phase 3 rules
Religious Gatherings	Indoor – Up to 25% capacity capped at 100 people Outdoor – Capped at 150 people	Indoor – Up to 50% capacity, capped at 200 with masks and social distancing required Outdoor – Up to 50% capacity or 6 ft spacing, no capacity limit with masks and social distancing required	Indoor – Up to 50% capacity, capped at 100 with masks and social distancing required Outdoor – See Phase 3 rules

Please be reminded of the following:

- Consider everyone a potential spreader and behave accordingly.
- All indoor and outdoor gatherings in residences are now capped at 10.
- Stay home if you feel ill, wear a face mask when leaving your home, distance at least six feet apart, wash your hands often and sanitize your surroundings regularly.
- Be respectful of the rules because your efforts affect the entire community.
- Keep your eye on the big picture by making sacrifices now so we can continue to allow our schools and our businesses to stay open for the future.

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WEAR YOUR MASK WASH YOUR HANDS. WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

