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## NVHD COVID-19 Testing Data

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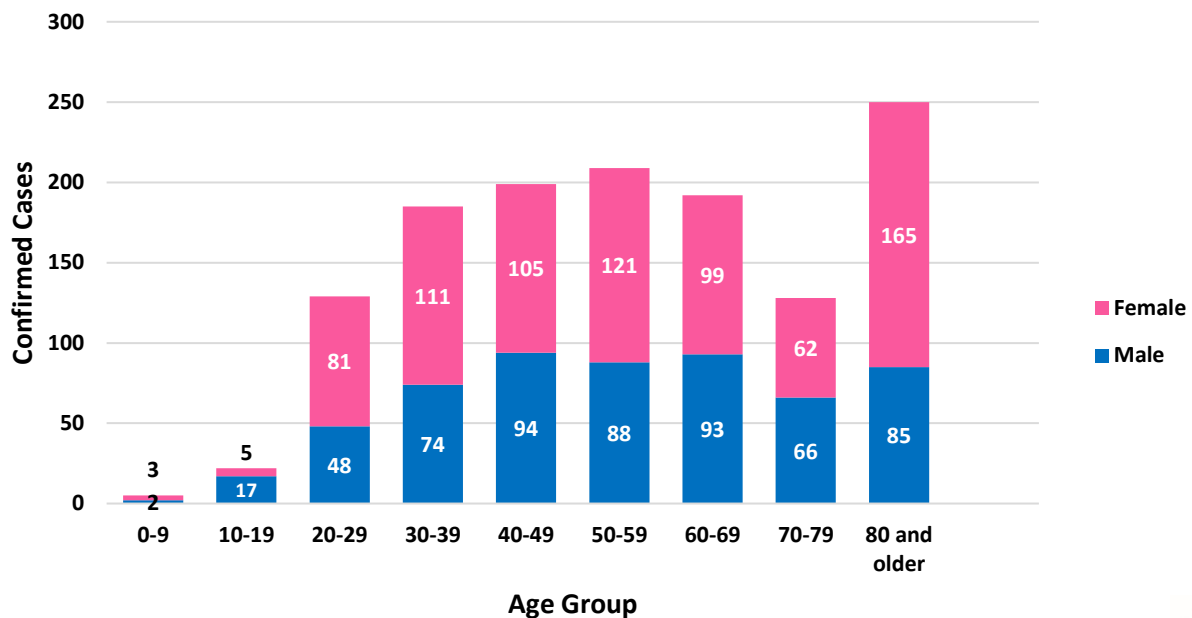
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Table 1. NVHD COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Cases

Town/City	Laboratory-Confirmed Cases	Negative Laboratory Reports Received
Ansonia	216	114
Beacon Falls	41	36
Derby	130	82
Naugatuck	264	66
Seymour	197	117
Shelton	471	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>580</b>

## Valley Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Age Group and Gender





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343 (~26%) of the 1,319 confirmed cases among Valley residents, are individuals who currently reside in a nursing home, assisted living facility, group home, or other similar setting.

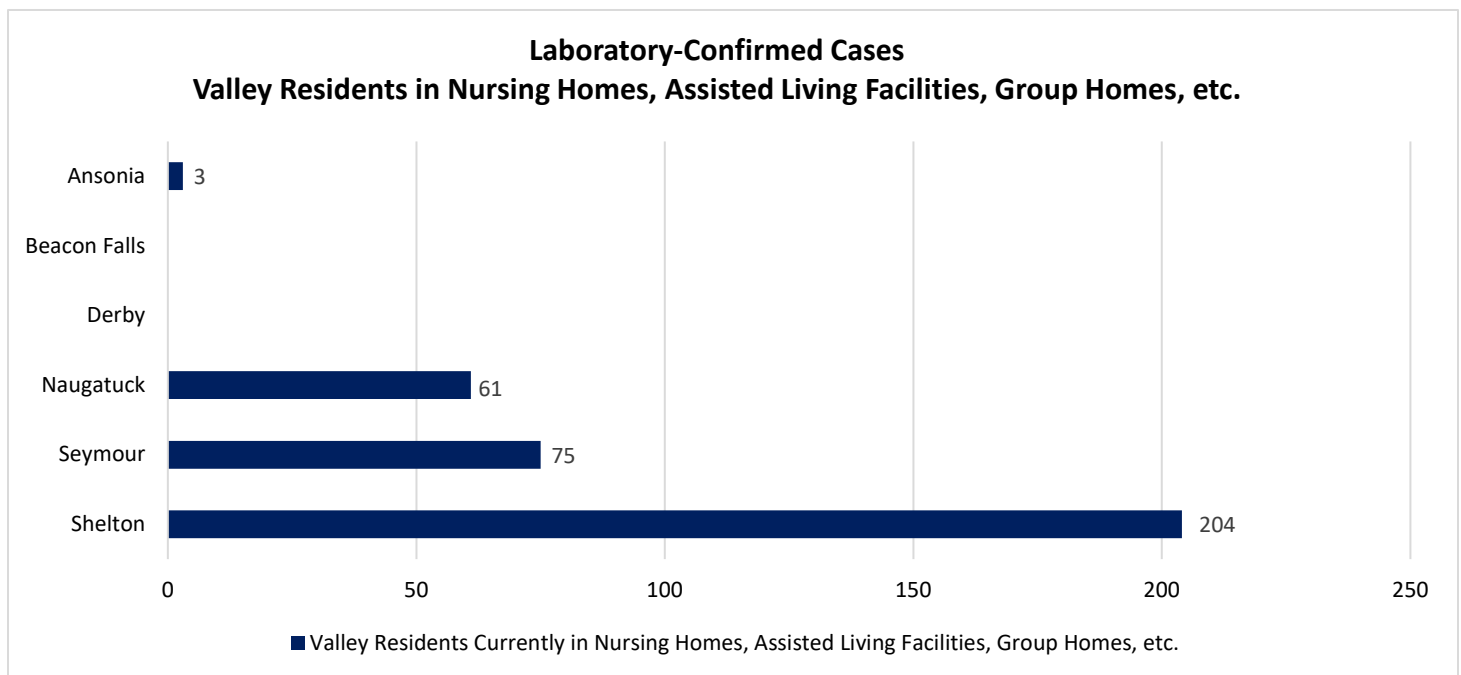
134 (~39%) of the 343 individuals have passed away due to COVID-19 complications. Please see pages 3-4 for additional information and data related to COVID-19 associated deaths.

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The above graph includes both living and deceased. The graph includes facility residents who may currently be inpatient at area hospital(s).

Please be advised that some towns have multiple facilities reporting COVID-19 cases. Cases are reported by the individuals permanent address, not the town of the facility in which they may be receiving treatment or recovering. This data is subject to change since some individuals may end up leaving a facility to recover at their homes or may become permanent residents of a facility.

When an individual or worker tests positive for COVID-19 within an assisted living facility and/or nursing home, the investigation is led by the State Department of Public Health (DPH) and the State Facility Licensing and Investigation Section (FLIS). The NVHD remains in communication with the facilities as well as our state agency partners during the investigation.



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### NVHD COVID-19 Associated Deaths

Today, NVHD learned of two laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths among Valley residents. One individual was a Naugatuck male in his 70s and the other individual was a female nursing home resident in her 80s in Shelton. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of the individuals who have lost their loved ones due to COVID-19 complications.

Deaths reported to and by NVHD occurred within the last week, not necessarily since the last NVHD report. For public health surveillance, laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths are defined as patients who tested positive for COVID-19 around the time of death; this is not a determination of the cause of death. The health district does not have further details including whether there may have been underlying health issues or other contributing factors.

On April 10, 2020, the State Department of Public Health started to include COVID-19 deaths that are not laboratory-confirmed in daily reporting. NVHD will now report on COVID-19 associated deaths including both a) persons who tested positive for COVID-19 around the time of death (laboratory-confirmed) and b) persons who were not tested for COVID-19 whose death certificate lists COVID-19 disease as a cause of death or as a significant condition contributing to deaths (probable) in Table 2.

NVHD has linked free mental health and wellness resources for individuals, families, and first responders who may be experiencing heightened anxiety, stress, and other emotions during this pandemic on the webpage [www.nvhd.org/coping](http://www.nvhd.org/coping).

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Table 2. NVHD COVID-19 Associated Deaths

Town/City	Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Associated Deaths (*included in the Table 1)	Probable COVID-19 Associated Deaths
Ansonia	3	2
Beacon Falls		
Derby	2	
Naugatuck	16	
Seymour	33	2
Shelton	92	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>146*</b>	<b>28</b>
Combined Total: 174		



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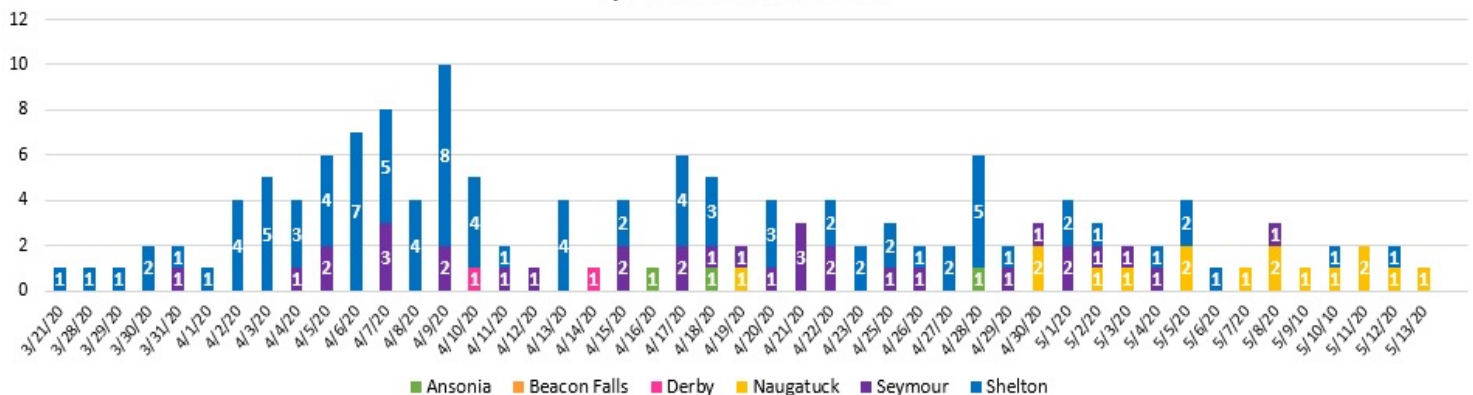
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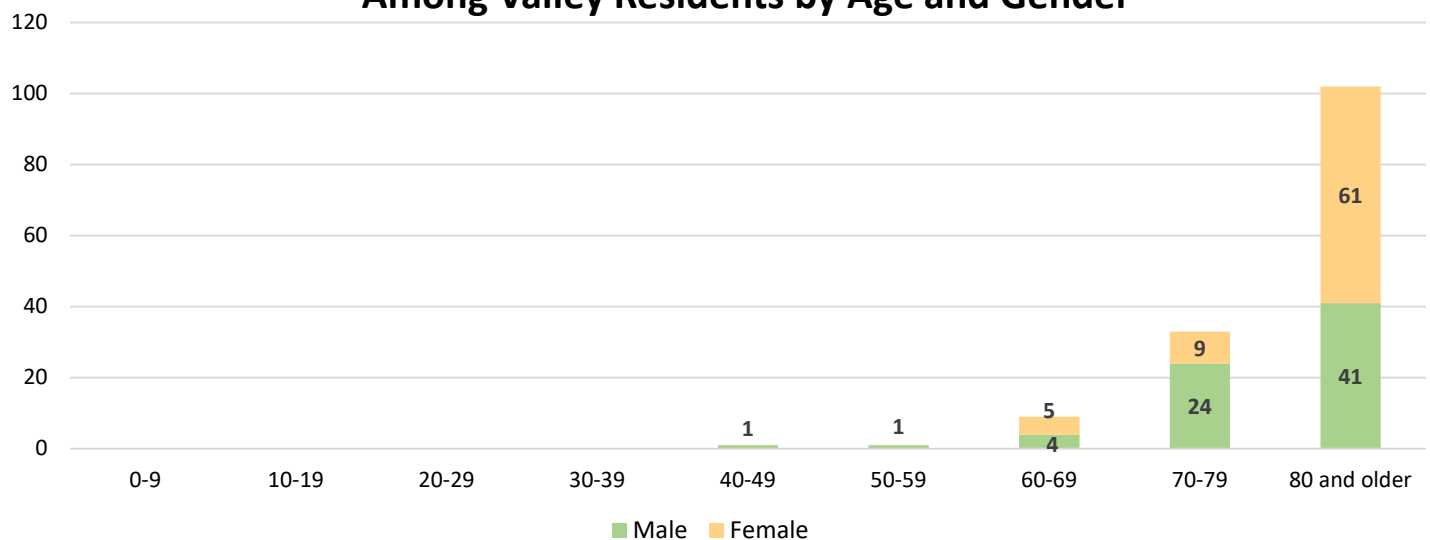
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**Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Associated Deaths  
By Date of Death and Town**



**Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Associated Deaths  
Among Valley Residents by Age and Gender**





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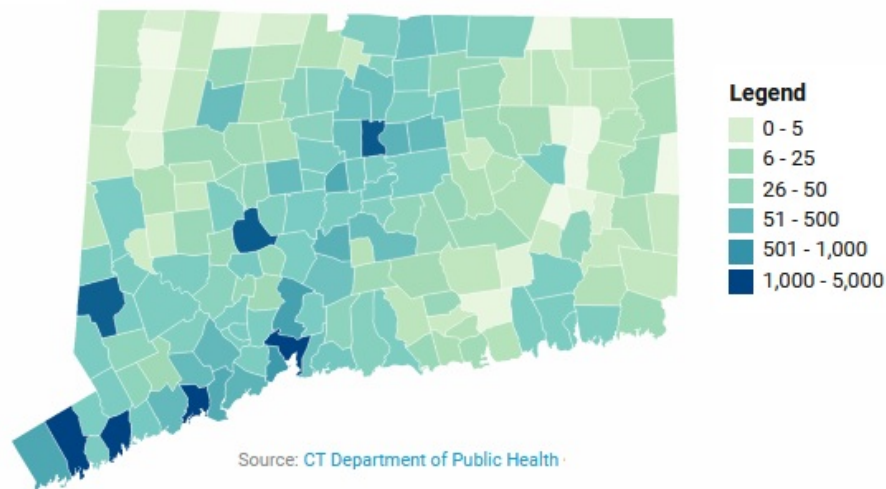
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Statewide COVID-19 data is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus> and is also linked on the NVHD website [www.nvhd.org/covid19-data](http://www.nvhd.org/covid19-data).

As a reminder, all data reported is preliminary and subject to change. Test results may be reported several days after the result. Patient information may be updated after results have already been reported. Changes will be reflected in the new daily totals.

NVHD receives data and confirmation reports from the following sources: CT Department of Public Health, Hospitals, Healthcare Providers, Laboratories, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Sometimes, the local health department receives reports before the State DPH and therefore the numbers reported by NVHD may differ from the daily report on the State of CT website.

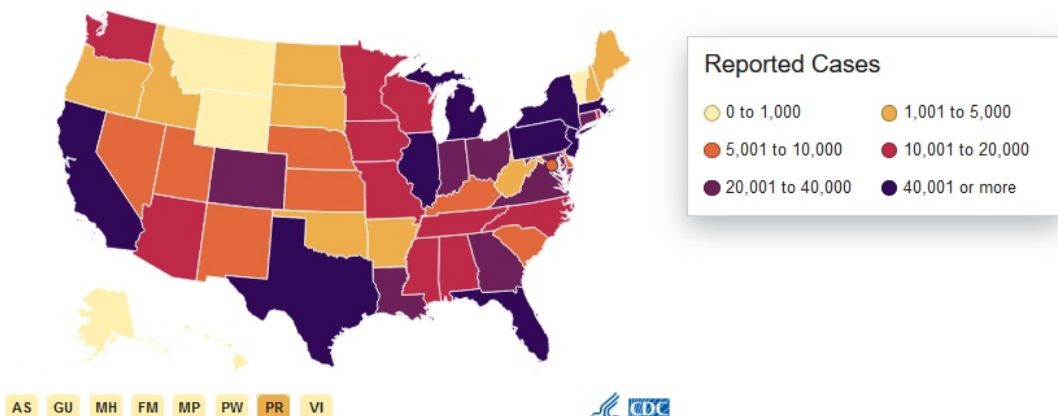
### Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Town



National COVID-19 data is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>.

28 states report more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19.

This map shows COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and other U.S.-affiliated jurisdictions. Hover over the map to see the number of cases and deaths reported in each jurisdiction. To go to a jurisdiction's health department website, click on the jurisdiction on the map.







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NVHD continues to urge residents to please stay home as much as possible and please continue to practice physical, social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet between you and others if you must go out for essential errands. To minimize the amount of people who can potentially be exposed, designate one person per household as the person who will do the grocery shopping or other essential errands. If you must go out in public, please wear a cloth face covering.

Per [Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7BB](#), "effective at 8:00PM on Monday, April 20, 2020, any person in a public place in Connecticut who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering.

In addition, individuals shall use a mask or cloth face covering when using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing or similar service or means of mass public transit, or while within any semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area.

The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall issue updated versions to the [Safe Workplace rules](#) issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 7V, Section 1 and the [Safe Stores rules](#) issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 7S, Section 1, which updated versions shall set forth additional requirements for face coverings within those settings.

Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face. If a person declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition as described above, such person shall not be required to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition.

This order shall supersede and preempt any current or future municipal order."

To view all of the Emergency Executive Orders signed by the Governor, please visit <https://bit.ly/2XK7E7e> or <http://www.nvhd.org/coronaviruses/covid-19/>.

For more information about making or using cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

### Cloth Face Covering Do's & Don'ts:

DO:	DON'T:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Make sure you can breathe through it</li><li>✓ Wear it whenever going out in public</li><li>✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth</li><li>✓ Wash after using</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ Use on children under age 2</li><li>✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers</li></ul>

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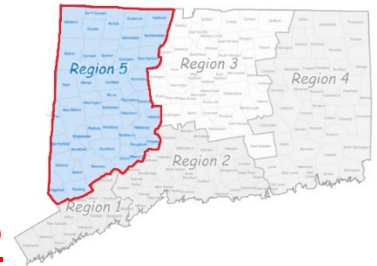
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# **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**



The Medical Reserve Corps needs your help support missions in the Valley and across CT Region 5 in response to COVID-19.

The MRC is a national network of local volunteers who have both **medical and non-medical** backgrounds. Volunteers in the State of Connecticut must be 18 years or older. Just-in-time training and personal protective equipment are supplied to volunteers free of cost. The specific role that you will play and the activities in which you will participate will depend upon your background, interests and skills, as well as the needs of the NVMRC unit and the Region 5 communities.

Naugatuck Valley Health District's Director of Health, Jessica Stelmaszek, serves in the capacity as the CT Region 5 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator and Director of the Naugatuck Valley's local MRC Unit. "I have been involved with the MRC since 2012, first as a volunteer and then in leadership capacities. Our state is lucky to have such a great network of volunteers with a wide variety of backgrounds to help us prepare for and respond to missions related to natural and man-made disasters, community events, and infectious disease response like seasonal influenza vaccination clinics and now the COVID-19 pandemic" said Director Stelmaszek.

All MRC volunteers are sworn in during an Oath Ceremony conducted by an Emergency Management Director. By taking this bi-annual oath, volunteers are provided liability protection under Title 28 of the CT General Statutes while training or activated with the MRC. Oath ceremonies are currently hosted by Naugatuck Valley virtually through videoconferencing. You will be invited via email once you are registered with the NVMRC or regional strike team.

**If you are interested in joining the Naugatuck Valley Medical Reserve Corps or the Region 5 MRC COVID-19 Strike Team,**  
**please register online at <https://ctresponds.ct.gov/>**

## **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

View President Trump's declaration of National Volunteer Week (April 19 – April 25, 2020) here:  
[www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-national-volunteer-week-2020/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-national-volunteer-week-2020/).

For more information, please contact Jessica Stelmaszek at [jstelmaszek@nvhd.org](mailto:jstelmaszek@nvhd.org)



**Pictured: Region 5 MRC COVID-19 Strike Team Volunteer, Sean F. at the Danbury Emergency Isolation Shelter for Homeless**