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# CTs ASCs: An Update



Lisa Winkler, Executive Director  
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# CAASC Background

- Formed the CT Association in 2005
- Membership includes all 61 of the state's freestanding ASCs
- CT also required physicians providing moderate to deep sedation in their offices to become licensed as Outpatient Surgical Facilities.
- CT Requires ASCs, Hospitals and Nursing Homes to belong to a Patient Safety Organization. CAASC created and got approved the ASCPSO. All ASCs belong to it.
- History of Success and a Strong, Unified Voice for ASCs



# Pre-Covid 2020 Snapshot: Public Option Bill and the ASC Tax

- ASC Tax: Governor Again Proposed Elimination of \$1m Exemption.
  - We were pursuing additional ASC Tax Relief with a Medicaid Deduction.
- A Public Option Bill was Proposed Again
  - Not Aimed at ASCs
  - A Similar Bill was Proposed in 2019
  - Reporting of utilization data, charges, prices, payments received, costs incurred and revenues earned.
  - Despite Commitments from Office of Health Strategy Not to Require Extensive Reporting from ASCs-Sen. Somers Introduced an Amendment in the Senate to Carve us Out in 2019.
  - Talks were under way in March to Address our Concerns

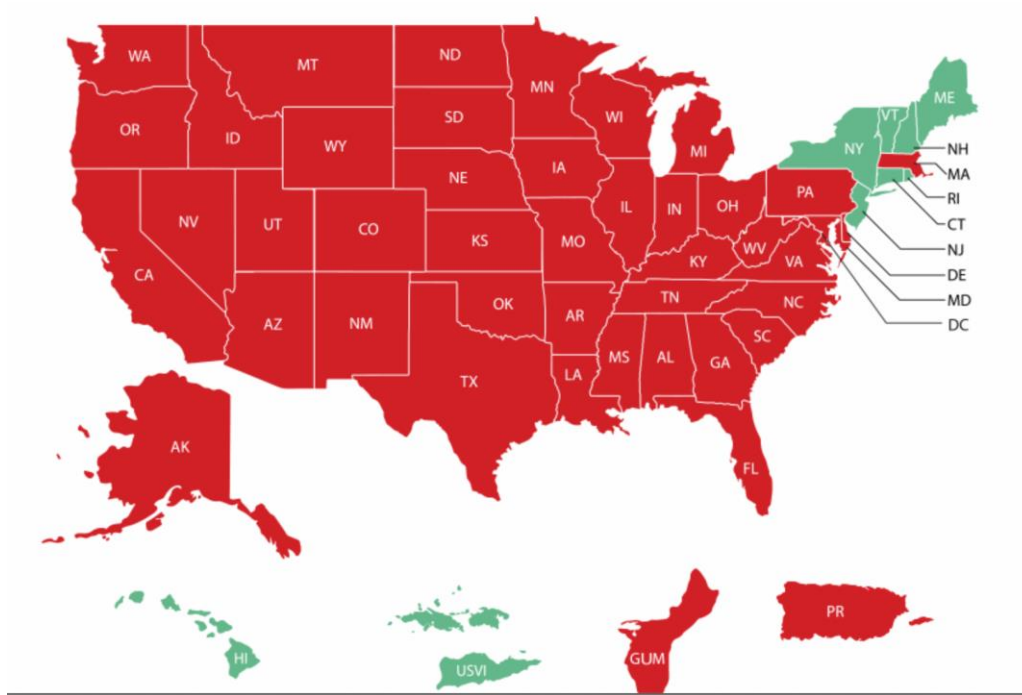


# COVID-19 and ASCs

- Surge Planning:
  - Like NY-Elective Cases Halted-Little Direction
  - Managed Calls/Complaints to DPH and Legislators about “Urgent” Cases
  - CAASC Part of daily Surge Capacity Calls (Field Houses, Field Hospitals, etc.)
- Scaled back services to provide urgent surgical care and in some cases closed to support needed hospital services. CAASC Coordinated:
  - Sharing Staff, Anesthesia Machines, PPE
- Developed an inventory of available resources-Ors, Procedure Rooms, Anesthesia Machines, ACLS Certified Staff
- Tried to Facilitate Collaboration with DPH, hospitals and health systems to coordinate care based on each community’s individual needs and to provide, equipment, staff and capacity where needed
- Maintained channels of communication with the state to resume cases.

# CT Travel Advisory

## Testing and Quarantine



- The advisory has evolved during the pandemic
- In conjunction with NY and NJ
- Health Form or Fine
- Negative Test or Quarantine

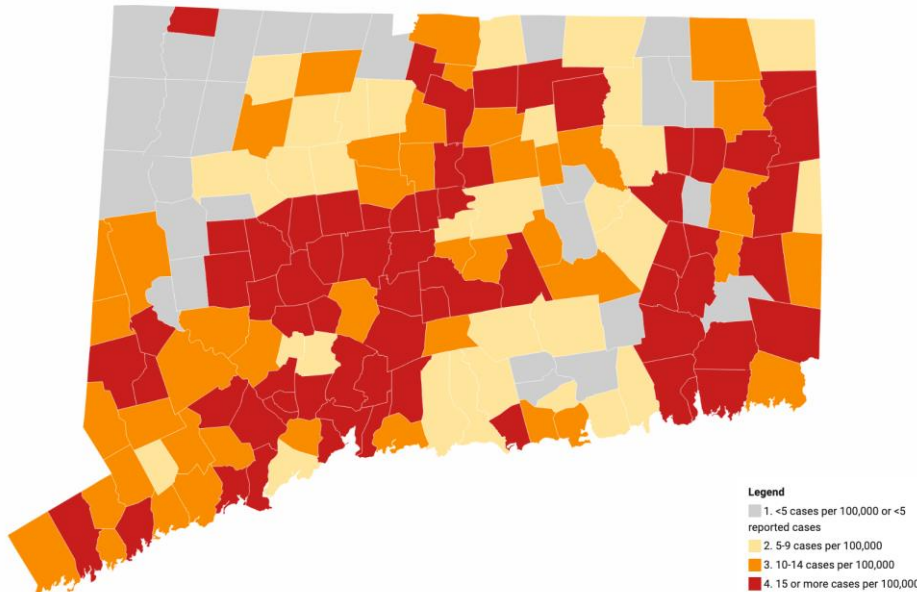
# Covid-19 in CT Today

## Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker

TOTAL POSITIVE CASES: 78,125 | TESTS REPORTED: 2,484,685 | CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED: 402 | DEATHS: 4,671

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.

Source: CT DPH • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

- Developing a Working Group with hospitals and ASC
  - Opportunities for Care Coordination
  - PPE and Equipment Needs
  - Elective Cases-a regional approach
  - Testing capacity and delays



# Take Aways

- Strong Unified Voice for ASCs is Critical
  - Discussing how care has changed
  - Impact of Covid... ..Testing, PPE, Scheduling, etc
- Contribute to PAC-National and State
  - Critical to Support Legislators Who Understand the Value-Proposition of ASCs
- Know your state legislators
  - Host a visit-Virtual
  - Become a Resource
  - Engage Patients/Local Businesses



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