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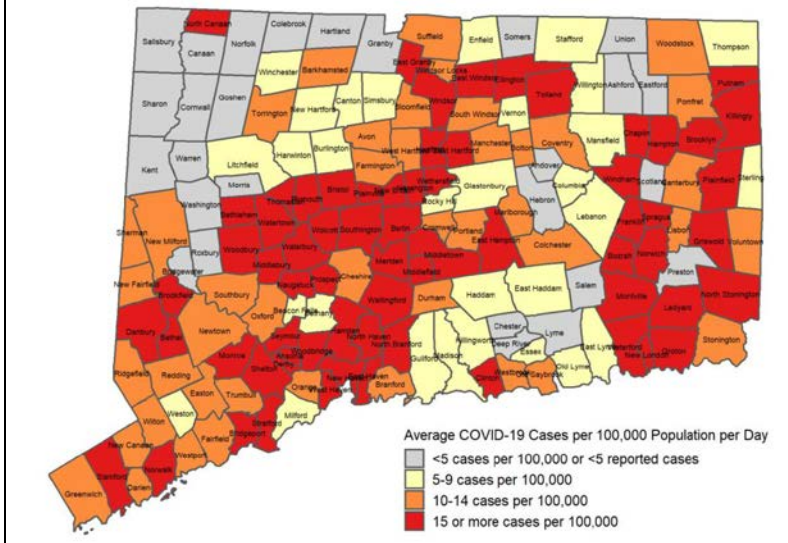
COVID-19 Pandemic Update

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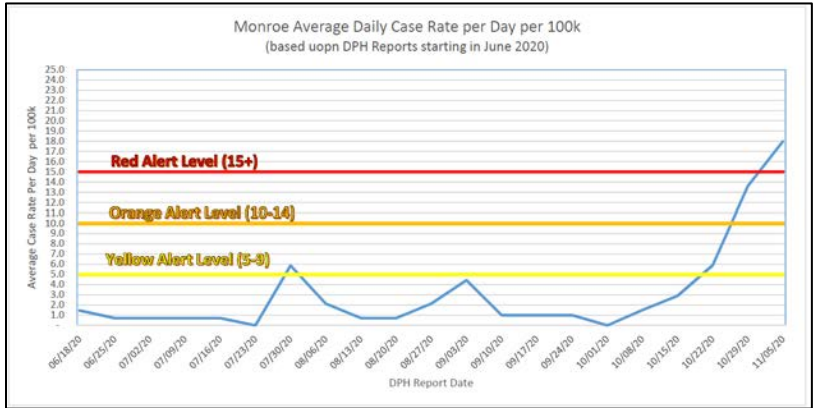
- The trend of a significant increase in cases statewide and in Fairfield County continues. The state's rolling 7-day testing positivity rate is 3.5%.
- This week, the state starting including the rapid antigen tests in case reports. Previously, they only included the PCR molecular tests.
- Per the Governor's Executive Orders, the entire state will move back to "Phase 2.1" tomorrow morning. The goals of this action are to slow community spread, while keeping schools open, protecting our healthcare capacity, and minimizing economic impact.
- The following are among those taking effect tomorrow statewide. The full rules are linked on www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19.
 - Private social gatherings are limited to a maximum of 10 people, whether indoors or outdoors.
 - Commercial event venues will be limited to 25 indoors, 50 outdoors.
 - Restaurant indoor capacity will be capped at 50% with a maximum of 8 people per table.
 - Restaurants and entertainment venues must close by 10:00 pm (last service for in-person dining at 9:30 p.m., although takeout and delivery may continue)
 - Personal services, such as hair and nail salons, will remain at 75% capacity.
 - Religious gathering will be limited to 50% capacity indoors or 100 people maximum
 - The state will be releasing new Sector Rules regarding sports.

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among People Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date During October 18-31



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- As of today, DPH reports a total of 217 confirmed and 16 probable cases. Just over half of the total recent cases involve multiple people living in the same household.
- Tragically, we have lost two more Monroe residents to COVID-19, one individual in their 70s and one in their 90s.
- As seen on the state map, Monroe is now among 68* towns and cities in the "RED" alert category.
- 2-Week Average Daily Case Rate per 100,000: 18 (equals 3.5 average cases per day in Monroe).
- Starting Monday, 11/9/2020, routine public access to Town Hall will be by appointment. Remote servicing through phone, email, and our dropbox are still available and encouraged.
- The Library will remain open, but with further limitations on overall capacity.



Just as we did in the spring, we can work together to make a difference. We know that our individual actions can reduce community transmission. Please, wear a mask and maintain social distancing. You can also find information on free testing at www.ct.gov/prioritytesting.

Thank you. 
Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman

* Revised: The governor originally said there were 42 Red Alert towns during a press conference on Thursday afternoon. His office later corrected that number to 68.