



TOWN OF MONROE

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update January 8, 2021

- Overall, COVID-19 case rates have risen statewide. After a couple of weeks of decline, our case rate in Monroe has unfortunately risen again, and is now averaging just over 8½ new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 44.4 cases per 100,000 population.
- Our total number of cases in Monroe is now 783 (confirmed and probable since the beginning of the pandemic).
- A **COVID-19 test site will return to Monroe**. We have secured another state testing vendor, Community Health Center, Inc, to provide free drive-through testing every other Wednesday at Masuk High School **starting on January 20th**. More details will be provided next week.
- Vaccination efforts continue, both locally and statewide, but remain limited to those in the state “phase 1a” group for individuals in health care and medical first responders. The state has confirmed that the upcoming “phase 1b” will include individuals over age 75 and frontline essential workers. Specific guidance, timelines, and instructions are expected to be released by the state as early as next week. We do expect phase 1b to begin in January. Links to Connecticut Vaccination information are on the Town’s website at www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19.
- Monroe Public Schools will return to a hybrid model starting on Monday, January 11, 2021. The Superintendent of Schools has sent detailed information to the school community.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year. Thank you.

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First Selectman