



# TOWN OF MONROE

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

### COVID-19 Pandemic Update

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#### CASE RATE UPDATE

- COVID-19 case rates have risen slightly again, now averaging 9 new cases per day in Monroe.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 46.2 cases per 100,000 population.
- High infection rates continue throughout the state.
- Our total number of cases in Monroe as of yesterday is 842 (confirmed and probable since the beginning of the pandemic).

#### TESTING

- A reminder that free, drive-through testing starts on January 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing every other Wednesday at Masuk High School. The hours are 10am – 2pm. Gates will open at 9:45am. For more information, or to complete registration paperwork in advance, go to <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/>

#### VACCINATION

- As was rolled out by the state yesterday, registration for vaccination is now open to all individuals over the age of 75. Details are posted at [www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19](http://www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19).
- Monroe seniors over age 75, who have fully completed the VAMS enrollment process, can call our Senior Center at 203-452-2815, Extension 1, for information on upcoming clinics in Monroe that are not yet visible in VAMS.
- For individuals over 75 without email or internet access, call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 1-877-918-2224.
- At this time, the state has informed us that the current focus is on ages 75 and older, and that this is the only group of individuals within “phase 1b” population that are currently eligible for vaccination.
- Future groups within phase 1b include frontline essential workers, those age 65-74, and those age 16-64 with specific underlying medical conditions. We are awaiting the state to release further specifics.
- The phase 1b group in Connecticut consists of 1.3 million people. While vaccine production continues to ramp up, the state currently receives approximately 46,000 doses per week. Therefore, it will take considerable time to fully vaccinate this group.
- The Monroe Health Department, our Emergency Management Team, and volunteers from CERT, MRC, and EMS stand ready to staff clinics to distribute as much vaccine as we are provided each week.

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