



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

January 29, 2021

CASE RATE UPDATE

- Statewide, rates of infection and hospitalization continued to decline this past week. In Monroe, our average case rate is down slightly to just under 6 ½ new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 32.7 cases per 100,000 population.
- Our overall case totals, as of yesterday, in Monroe is 932 cases and 12 deaths (confirmed and probable since the beginning of the pandemic).

VACCINATION

- Vaccination efforts are ongoing, and the statewide directive is to continue to focus on individuals over age 75 at this time.
- We understand that many individuals in other groups are eager to be vaccinated. The Town has not yet been provided with any further specifics on the timing of other groups. We continue to expect that those over 65 can expect to begin by early February, followed with frontline essential workers and those with certain underlying medical conditions by late February or early March.
- We continue to run vaccine clinics in Monroe for those eligible. Residents over age 75 who need assistance may call the Monroe Health Department at 203-452-2818; leave a message if necessary and someone will return your call as soon as possible.
- The state has advised that more staff have been added to their Vaccine Appointment Assist Line, 1-877-918-2224, and that call wait times are now under 3 minutes.
- Please remember that statewide, all vaccinations are being done by appointment only. Do not show up at a site without an appointment.

TESTING

- Drive-through testing continues every other Wednesday from 10am – 2pm a Masuk High, and will be in operation next on February 3rd.

STATE OF EMERGENCY & EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- The Governor has extended his state of emergency declaration through April 20, 2021.
- The Governor also indicated that he intends to relax some of the restrictions regarding restaurants and places of worship; details are expected next week.

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