



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update September 3, 2021

- After weeks of seeing very low case rates in Monroe, our numbers have risen over the last couple of weeks and like many towns in our state we have returned to the “red” category on the DPH map. We are currently averaging roughly 5 new cases per day, which is similar to what we observed in mid-April of this year. We are also seeing scenarios of multiple cases being reported in a single household.
- Our emergency management team continues to monitor this closely. We received positive news that there was an overall decline in the number of people hospitalized from COVID-19 this week. It is encouraging that overall case severity does not appear to have increased.
- While I am not issuing a townwide mask order at this time, I am asking residents to be vigilant and to exercise individual responsibility. Please consider the current CDC recommendation to wear a mask inside public spaces, especially in crowded locations and where children under 12 are present.
 - The statewide requirement for unvaccinated individuals to wear masks while in all indoor public places remains in effect.
 - Everyone must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, while inside healthcare and childcare facilities, all schools, and public and private transit.
 - Businesses may continue to decide to require masks by everyone inside their facilities. Please respect our business owners and their rules.
- Monroe’s vaccination rates continue to be higher than the state average, with 70% of our total population having initiated vaccination, and over 79% of those over 12 who are eligible.
 - Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to combat COVID-19. Those vaccinated have a significantly lower chance of becoming infected. Typically, those vaccinated who experience a “breakthrough” infection have much less severe symptoms.
 - As we anticipate the state beginning to authorize booster doses for the general population later this month, we are putting plans together now to resume vaccination clinics in late September.

Throughout this pandemic, the Monroe community has worked together and we have persevered. I’m confident that we can do so again. My best wishes for a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Kenneth M. Kellogg
First Selectman