

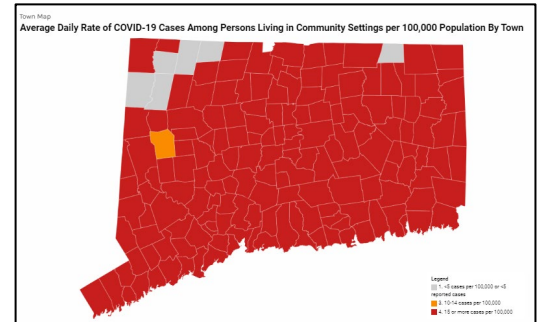


TOWN OF MONROE

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update December 10, 2021

- As I reported a couple of weeks ago, case rates have been on the rise statewide and Monroe is certainly not an exception, where our two-week rolling average is now over 9 new cases per day. This is comparable to case rates we experienced almost one year ago, in January of this year.
- Thankfully, although the number of hospitalizations statewide has also risen considerably, the overall number and rate of hospitalization is not as high as it was a year ago.
- Vaccination continues to be very effective in reducing the risk and severity of illness. While breakthrough cases continue to be reported, this remains a relatively smaller number. Of all fully vaccinated Connecticut residents, those contracting the virus is just over 1%.
- Furthermore, data indicates that unvaccinated individuals are 5 times more likely to be infected and 12 times more likely of being hospitalized.
- As you are likely aware, initial and booster vaccinations are widely available. Links to find providers are on the COVID-19 page of our website.
- Starting next week, we will be transitioning our Town booster vaccination clinics to individual appointments at the Monroe Health Department offices. Starting today, and every Friday around noon, we will post any available appointments for the following week at www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19.



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