



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

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The Town of Monroe Emergency Management Team continues to meet daily as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We also remain in constant contact with state health and emergency management officials. The disruption of many activities, along with the uncertainty of the situation, can be stressful and increase anxiety. While tensions may be high, please remember that the actions we are all taking will help to slow the spread of illness while maintaining important services.

While older adults, and those with severe underlying health conditions, appear to be most at risk, state health officials continue to predict that the majority of those who become ill will recover at home.

While there are currently no known cases of COVID-19 in Monroe, State officials advise that we must assume that community transmission is occurring. Based upon this guidance, the Governor's executive orders, and the current situation in Monroe, we have taken the following actions:

- To prevent large gatherings at the library, starting Monday we will suspend public access to the building, while starting a "Library-to-Go" pick-up service. Patrons who want to borrow materials can call or email the library to check out materials and library staff will call to let you know when they are ready for pick-up. More information will be posted on the library's website.
- Anyone needing services from Town Hall departments are asked to call in advance to determine if assistance can be provided by phone, email or at our website. To limit the number of people at Town Hall, departments may also begin to transition to appointments for certain services that require an in-person visit.
- All programs, events, and social gatherings at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Parks and Recreation programs, are postponed or cancelled until further notice.
- The Senior Center and Food Pantry remain open to provide routine assistance services; please call in advance.
- Town boards and commissions may continue to conduct meetings; however public access may be limited to remote participation over the internet or phone. Board and commission Chairs may choose to cancel any meetings that are non-essential based upon the criticality and time sensitivity of agenda items.

We will continue to post information and links to official information at www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19. Residents and business owners with further questions or concerns may contact the Monroe Health Department at 203-452-2818, or call the State of Connecticut's COVID-19 Hotline by calling Infoline at 211 or texting "CTCOVID" to 898211.

I thank our entire Monroe community for working together to meet these difficult challenges.

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First Selectman