



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update May 9, 2020

As of this afternoon, the State Department of Public Health is currently reporting total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Monroe at 88, while the total number of deaths remains at six.

The state has released guidelines and requirements for Phase 1 of the Re-Open Connecticut Plan, which remains on track for May 20th. These documents are posted on the Town's website, however here are some highlights:

- Businesses that will be allowed to re-open are hair salons, barbershops, retailers and offices that were previously required to close. Restaurants will be permitted to submit plans to open up outdoor seating areas.
- Social gatherings will remain restricted to a maximum of 5 people.
- Individuals over the age of 65, and those at high-risk due to underlying health conditions, continue to be encouraged to limit their exposure and stay home whenever possible.
- The current rules regarding the use of cloth face coverings or masks will continue.

Opening more businesses, and the further relaxation of restrictions, are anticipated in future phases of the plan to be released by the state.

Thinking ahead to June, our Monroe Farmers' Market volunteers, with the support of our Emergency Management team and Parks & Recreation Department, have risen to the challenge of planning their season, while faced with the remaining uncertainty over state rules and restrictions. To provide for consistency and predictability, the Monroe Farmers' Market will operate using a pre-order process, with a drive-through pick-up at Fireman's Field, for the full 2020 season, starting on June 19th. The Market will announce more details next week. I want to thank our team, including the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their field, for working hard to ensure that the Market will run this year.

Thank you, and in closing, I want to extend my wishes for a happy and healthy Mother's Day to all our Monroe Moms.

Kenneth M. Kellogg
First Selectman