



TOWN OF MONROE

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update

October 30, 2020

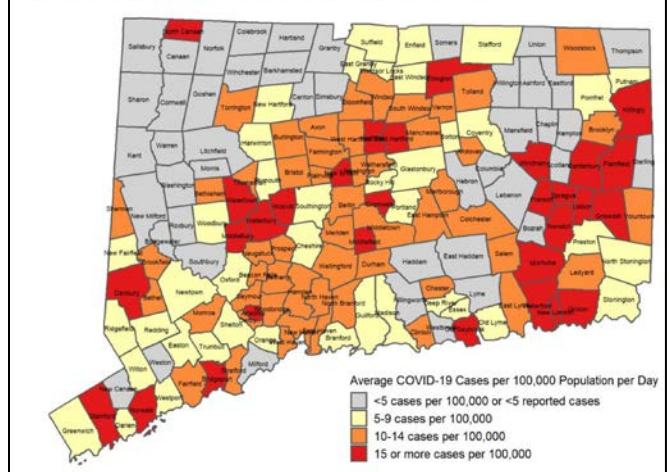
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- The trend of increasing cases statewide continues.
- The state positivity rate jumped to 6.1% yesterday, with the rolling 7-day average up to 3.1%. This is the highest since June.
- Almost half of the state's towns and cities are at the orange or red alert level, representing ≈70% of the state's total population.

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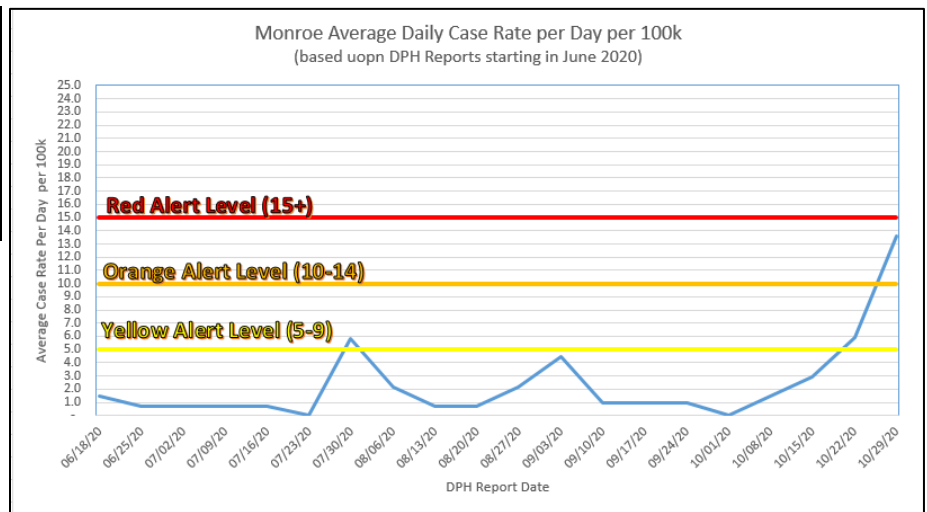
- Total cases reported as of 10/29/2020: 205
- As seen on the state map, Monroe is now among 53 towns and cities in the "ORANGE" alert category.
- Monroe is currently experiencing case rates that are trending towards the red category.
- Yesterday, we received new information from CT DPH regarding interpretation of case data. To further refine and align with CT DPH data, we are now providing a graph of the "Average Daily Case Rate per 100k" in Monroe, which DPH began reporting in June.

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among People Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date During October 11-24



State Alert Level	State Reported Case Rate per 100k	Equivalent Actual Daily Case Rate in Monroe
Red	15+	3
Orange	10-14	2
Yellow	5-9	1

- 2-Week Average Daily Case Rate per 100,000: 13.6 (equals roughly 2.6 average cases per day in Monroe)



- **Cases in Monroe appear to be the result of smaller social gatherings, and not connected to visiting local businesses. This is consistent with the rest of the state.**
- **Currently, while there have been a small number of cases in the Monroe school community, contact tracing indicates that transmission is occurring outside the school system.**
- Monroe will remain at Phase 3 at this time, however we are **strongly encouraging the following:**
 - Avoid large social events and limit time with non-household members.
 - Be diligent with masks, social distancing, and hand washing.
 - The state recommends testing, even for individuals who are asymptomatic. Go to www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19 or call 211 for information on current testing locations in our area.

Our Town has come together to help each other during this pandemic. I know that we're all experiencing COVID fatigue, and I thank you for continuing to take actions to protect you, your family, and our entire community.

Kenneth M. Kellogg, First Selectman