

TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update November 20, 2020

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- Statewide trends of increased COVID-19 transmission continue, with 145 of the 169 Connecticut towns, and all of Fairfield County, in the red alert category. Over 95% of the state's population now reside in this red zone.
- The Governor has announced that all club, team, and high school sports in Connecticut will be suspended starting Monday, November 23rd and until January 19th.

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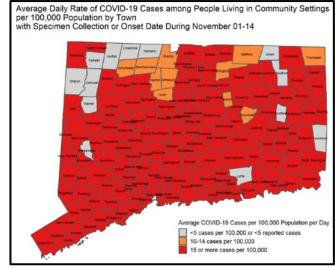
- As of last night, DPH reports a total of 317 confirmed and 30 probable cases in Monroe.
- Our 2-Week Case Rate is now averaging approximately 7.5 cases per day, which equals an average of 38.9 per 100,000 population.
- Sadly, another Monroe resident, in their 90s, has passed from COVID-19.
- Our Superintendent of Schools announced today that all Monroe Public Schools will move to full remote learning through December 11, 2020. This is driven by guidance from the State Department of Education and Department of Public Health, based upon our current 14-day case rate, as well as numerous school staff having to remain home due to childcare issues or having to quarantine - due to being a close contact with someone either at, or outside of, school who has tested positive.
- Our team continues to work diligently to bring some public testing to Monroe. Through our efforts with the Governor's Office, we are hoping to secure a state vendor to conduct a public testing site, however it appears that the first available date will be in early December. In the meantime, you can still call 211 or go to www.ct.gov/prioritytesting to find area testing sites.

Thanksgiving will mark yet another holiday that we are forced to balance our strong desire to keep our family traditions, while protecting the health of those we love. The CDC has clearly stated that the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is at home with the people you live. If you are considering travel or hosting guests, please remember the state rules limiting private gatherings to 10 people, and take the precautions that we're all very familiar with by now. See our website for more details, including a link to the state webpage regarding holiday gatherings.

My best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

Kenneth M. Kellogg First Selectman



Municipal COVID-19 Case Rates in Fairfield County					
as of 11/19/2020 DPH Report					
Town	Daily Cases Rate per 100k population	2-Week Case Total	Category	Total Tests	Percent Test Positivity
Bridgeport	77.7	1,577	RED	14,806	11.3
Danbury	73.4	871	RED	8,191	12
Norwalk	55.0	686	RED	8,665	9.2
Stamford	53.6	973	RED	12,136	9.4
Fairfield	49.3	428	RED	8,124	5.7
Trumbull	43.3	217	RED	2,706	8.3
Shelton	41.7	240	RED	3,105	7.8
Stratford	41.0	298	RED	3,776	8.2
Bethel	40.2	111	RED	1,850	6.6
Weston	39.7	57	RED	758	7.8
Monroe	38.9	106	RED	1,448	7.6
New Canaan	34.3	97	RED	2,251	4.4
Westport	33.0	130	RED	2,620	5.1
Wilton	31.8	82	RED	1,383	6.1
Newtown	30.1	117	RED	2,378	5.1
Brookfield	28.1	67	RED	1,443	5.9
Redding	26.6	34	RED	626	5.6
Darien	26.3	80	RED	1,824	4.7
Easton	24.7	26	RED	421	6.7
New Fairfield	23.7	46	RED	1045	4.9
Greenwich	21.9	192	RED	3,933	5.2
Sherman	21.7	11	RED	251	4.8
Ridgefield	20.3	71	RED	1,934	4.4