



TOWN OF MONROE

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update

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CASE RATE UPDATE

- While high infection rates continue, the case rate and statewide test positivity percentage have come down since last week.
- For Monroe, we are now averaging just over 7 new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 36.7 cases per 100,000 population.
- Our overall case totals in Monroe is 894 cases and 12 deaths (confirmed and probable since the beginning of the pandemic).

VACCINATION

- The State continues to emphasize that the current focus is on our older residents; statewide this group represents 18% of the population but 88% of deaths from COVID-19. As announced earlier this week, the general schedule for phase 1b is as follows:
 - Scheduling now: Individuals over the age of 75
 - Scheduling next (likely early February): Individuals between the ages of 65 and 74
 - Scheduling soon (likely late February or early March): Frontline essential workers and individuals with certain underlying medical conditions who have an increased risk for severe illness.
- Monroe continues to run vaccine clinics in Monroe for our seniors over age 75. Because the amount of vaccine we receive is limited, residents may find earlier appointments from a variety of other providers, which continue to grow in our area. The list of options for registration is available through our website at www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19.
 - Residents over age 75 who need assistance may leave a message for Monroe Health Department at 203-452-2818 and someone will return your call early next week.
 - A reminder that the statewide COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line is also available at 1-877-918-2224.
 - Please remember that statewide, all vaccinations are being done by appointment only. Do not show up at a site without an appointment.

The vaccination rollout is great news, however, please remember that this process has only just begun. Public health officials have emphasized that we are simply too early in the process for vaccinations alone to have a significant impact to the current, "second wave" of cases. The same mitigation strategies of masks, social distancing, and routine handwashing remain extremely important. Simply put, don't let your guard down.

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