



# TOWN OF MONROE

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

### COVID-19 Pandemic Update

#### February 12, 2021

##### **CASE RATE UPDATE**

- This week, Monroe reached over 1,000 cases – or around 5% of our population, since the start of the pandemic.
- That said, case rates continue to improve, and our case rate is down to averaging just over 5 new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 26.8 cases per 100,000 population.

##### **TESTING**

- A drive-through testing site will be in operation on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10am – 2pm at Masuk High School.
- We are also happy to announce that a new urgent care center is coming to Monroe. DOCS Urgent Care will be opening soon at 427 Main Street, and offering COVID testing 5 days a week.

##### **VACCINATION**

- All individuals over the age of 65 may now register for vaccination.
- Please understand that vaccine supply remains limited and that, statewide, it is expected to take at least a month for those over 65 to schedule their first dose.
- We continue to run vaccine clinics in Monroe for all eligible individuals. Because the amount of vaccine we receive is limited, residents may find earlier appointments from a variety of other providers.
- Our appointments continue to be scheduled as we receive confirmation of vaccine shipment. As the eligibility has grown significantly, Monroe's vaccination clinics are being scheduled through the VAMS online system. **We encourage eligible residents who have registered in VAMS to check for new appointments that are now available for next week, which we expect will fill quickly.**
- While we have been told that improvements to the federal VAMS are being made, we understand that the system can be difficult to navigate for some. Please consider asking a tech savvy relative or friend for help, or take advantage of other available options.
- The state's Vaccine Appointment Assist Line can help individuals find appointments in our region without the need for email or internet access. That number is 1-877-918-2224.
- There are also many healthcare providers that are using their own patient portals. Go to [www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19](http://www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19) for current links to these providers.
- Eligible residents who still need assistance may call the Monroe COVID Vaccine Info Line at 203-452-2862. Leave a message if necessary and someone will return your call during normal business hours.
- Please remember that statewide, all vaccinations are by appointment only.

*Thank you and have a good weekend,*

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First Selectman