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COVID-19 Pandemic Update

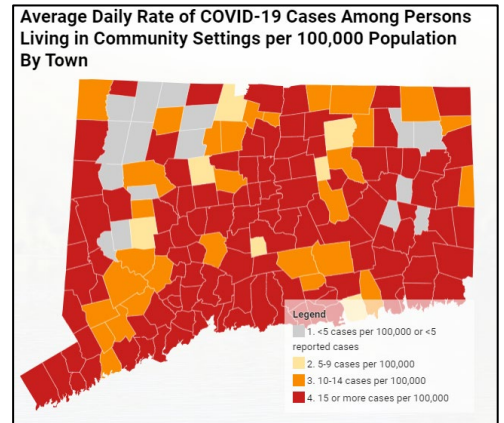
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CASE RATE UPDATE

- Case rates continue to improve. Monroe is now averaging just over 2.5 new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate is now 13.6 cases per 100,000 population.
- Monroe is now one of several Connecticut towns that is no longer in the “red” category. Monroe is currently at the “orange” alert level.
- As of yesterday’s report, Monroe has had 1,061 cases, and 13 deaths, since the start of the pandemic.

TESTING

- COVID-19 testing continues daily in Monroe at our two urgent care centers. We have confirmed that both locations are offering PCR testing, and anyone can be tested, with or without symptoms.
- Due to significantly less demand for testing, and the need to use the high school for larger vaccination clinics, the drive-through test site scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd has been moved to the Senior Center.



VACCINATION

- As most are aware, this week the Governor announced statewide changes regarding vaccine eligibility. In a departure from prior communication, the state will not be vaccinating based upon “frontline essential worker” categories nor those with certain health conditions. The Governor cited the confusion and complexity in implementation, and instead shifting to an age-based prioritization approach.
- Eligibility to register for vaccination will start as follows:
 - Age 55+ on March 1st
 - Age 45+ on March 22nd
 - Age 35+ on April 12nd
 - Age 16+ on May 3rd
 - Additionally, Pre-K through grade 12 educators, support staff, as well as licensed childcare professionals living or working in the state will have dedicated vaccination clinics starting March 1st.
- Almost 15% of Monroe’s population, or roughly 2,900 residents, have received at least one vaccination.
- Clinics continue to be run by the Monroe Health Department for these eligible groups, scheduled through VAMS. There continues to be a wide variety of other options to register and make an appointment. Please go to www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19 for more information on the various options available.
- We will continue to post our vaccination “standby” list for those eligible & registered in VAMS and available to be vaccinated within the hour if called. Details are provided on the signup page on our website.

Thank you and have a good weekend,

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