



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

March 5, 2021

CASE RATE UPDATE

- Our 2-week rolling case rate in Monroe remains at an average of 2.5 new cases per day.
- Our 2-week case rate remains at 13.6 cases per 100,000 population.
- As of yesterday's report, Monroe has had 1,080 cases, and 13 deaths, since the start of the pandemic.

VACCINATION

- 17.3% of Monroe's population have received at least one vaccination, which is very close to the statewide rate of 17.9%.
- The state is working to stand up a mass vaccination site for all eligible individuals in the greater Bridgeport area; we hope that further information will be available soon.
- The state has advised local health departments to focus on educators, child care providers, and previously scheduled clinics for 2nd doses. While the Monroe Health Department is eager to continue offering vaccinations, we are currently limited based upon this state direction and the amount vaccine we receive. We strongly encourage residents to utilize all options currently available, which can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>
- We will continue to post our vaccination "standby" list each Monday morning between 8:00-8:30. You must be eligible & registered in VAMS. Visit www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19 for more information.

STATE UPDATES

- Yesterday the Governor announced significant relaxation on restrictions. While masks and social distancing rules will remain in force, the following changes take effect on March 19th:
 - All capacity limits will be eliminated for most venues, such as restaurants, retail, personal services, gyms, and houses of worship.
 - Restaurants will have an 8-person table capacity and an 11PM required closing time for their dining rooms.
 - Gathering sizes will be revised as follows:
 - Private residences: 25 indoors/100 outdoors
 - Commercial venues: 100 indoors/200 outdoors
 - All sports will be allowed to practice and compete, and all sports tournaments will be allowed, subject to state Department of Public Health guidance.
 - Connecticut's travel advisory will be changed from the current mandate to a recommendation.
- By executive order, fishing season has been opened early. Great Hollow Lake will be available for fishing as the lake thaws. (The state will be stocking the lake in the near future.)

Thank you and have a good weekend,

Kenneth M. Kellogg
First Selectman