



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

May 21, 2021

CASE RATE UPDATE

- Monroe's 2-week rolling case rate has dropped to an average of just over 1 new case per day.
- Our 2-week case is 6.2 cases per 100,000 population.
- As of yesterday's report, Monroe has had 1,411 cases, and 15 deaths, since the start of the pandemic.

VACCINATION

- Thanks to the Monroe Health Department and our Emergency Management team for successfully incorporating Monroe students age 12 and over during this week's vaccination clinic.
- We continue to offer vaccination clinics for adults age 18 and over on Wednesdays. Appointments may be made through VAMS, but are no longer necessary. Walk-ins are welcome from 9am – noon.

TESTING

- The Town will have a drive-through test clinic on Wednesday, May 26, from 10a-2p at the Stevenson Fire Station. Due to the significant reduction in demand for testing since mid-April, this will be our last scheduled drive-through test clinic.
- Testing continues to be offered at both urgent care centers in Monroe.

CHANGES IN STATE RULES

As most are aware, the Governor issued the new Executive Order this week, confirming the following changes in state rules:

- All remaining business and other Sector Rules have been lifted, with certain exceptions regarding mask-wearing.
- While masks are not required outdoors, unvaccinated individuals must continue to wear masks indoors, and universal masks are still required in certain settings, such as healthcare facilities, transit, schools, and childcare facilities.
- Individual businesses may choose to require universal masking within their establishment.

It's my hope that this week's full, and hopefully final, re-opening of our state marks a new beginning, as we get even closer to a return to normal. I will continue to provide regular, written updates on our website, our Facebook page, and through local media and email. I will be suspending CodeRED pandemic updates by phone, unless there is important or time-sensitive information to share.

My thanks to our emergency management team and to all our dedicated staff and volunteers who worked throughout this pandemic, and to the Monroe community for coming together during some very challenging times.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Kenneth M. Kellogg
First Selectman