



TOWN OF MONROE

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update

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CASE RATE UPDATE

- As has been widely reported, case rates throughout Connecticut have increased over the last few weeks, with several towns returning to the yellow, orange, or red levels for case rate reporting by the CT DPH.
- Monroe has averaged just over one new case per day, putting us to the “yellow” (lowest) category.
- As of today’s report, Monroe has had 1,454 cases, and 16 deaths, since the start of the pandemic.

VACCINATION UPDATE

- Over 63% of all Monroe residents are fully vaccinated.
- Individuals who are not vaccinated are encouraged to visit www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19 for links on available vaccination clinics.
- All individuals who are 12 years of age or older and live, work, or attend school in Connecticut are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

UPDATE ON MASK POLICY

The statewide mask policy that remains in effect is as follows:

- Masks are not required while outdoors.
- Individuals who are fully vaccinated are recommended to wear a mask in indoor public spaces based upon CDC guidelines and the level of transmission in Fairfield County. However, masking is not mandated at this time.
- Unvaccinated individuals must wear masks indoors in all public spaces.
- Masks are required to be worn by everyone in certain settings such as healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, schools, and childcare.
- Businesses continue have the option to require masks to be worn by everyone in their establishments.

The Governor has issued a new executive order allowing town-by-town universal mask requirements. Based upon the current low levels of transmission and high vaccination rate of our town, there is no need to exceed the state mandates at this time. The entire Emergency Management Team, including the Monroe Health Department, continue to monitor the situation very closely.

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