



# TOWN OF MONROE

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

### COVID-19 Pandemic Update

March 18, 2020

The first death of a Connecticut resident occurred today. An 88-year-old man who was living in Ridgefield, and being treated at Danbury Hospital, passed away as a result of complications from COVID-19. This is a heartbreaking milestone in our fight against this disease. The situation in our state, and the entire nation, may seem almost unreal. We must remain focused on slowing the spread of COVID-19 and, as a community, getting through this prolonged event.

I am proud of the efforts of our Monroe community in rising to these unprecedented challenges:

- Our public safety personnel remain ready to respond. I thank our dedicated police officers, volunteer fire departments, and emergency medical services providers. They continue to provide essential services while planning to meet future demands during the pandemic.
- Our Acting Superintendent of Schools, along with other school officials and teachers, are working diligently to provide a meaningful distance learning plan for all students during this emergency.
- Furthermore, a bag lunch program for school-aged children will start tomorrow. The Town's Community and Social Services department will assist Monroe Public Schools as needed for this program.
- Our Edith Wheeler Memorial Library staff have done an outstanding job in launching a very popular "Library to Go" service, including checkout of materials, wireless printing, and downloadable content. Visit [www.ewml.org](http://www.ewml.org) for details.
- We want to keep our parks open for use by our residents while practicing safe social distancing. We strongly discourage group gatherings, and any groups over 50 are prohibited. This is consistent with the guidance from the state, and the current status of our state parks. We ask that everyone follow these requirements so that we may keep our parks open for appropriate use during these difficult times.
- Our Economic Development Commission is working with Emergency Management to provide our local businesses with information, such as the SBA loan assistance program. Please continue to support our local establishments.

Attached is a summary of the status of Town facilities and state mandated restrictions and closings that impact Monroe businesses. Starting Friday, 3/20/2020, the Town Hall facility will be closed to routine public access. Staff will remain onsite during regular hours to provide assistance. We will continue to post further updates, along with links to official information at [www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19](http://www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19)

Kenneth M. Kellogg  
First Selectman

**COVID-19 STATUS as of 3/18/2020**

<b>State Mandated Restrictions and Closings in Monroe</b>	
<b>All Gatherings</b>	Gatherings over 10 strongly discouraged; practice social distancing. Gatherings over 50 prohibited. Religious, spiritual and worship gatherings now included in this prohibition.
<b>Bars</b>	Closed.
<b>Gyms, Fitness Centers, Indoor sporting / recreation.</b>	Closed.
<b>Massage Establishments</b>	Currently not required to closed but under consideration.
<b>Restaurants</b>	Limited to take-out and delivery. May not serve alcohol.
<b>Salons – including barbers, hairdressers, nail salons.</b>	Currently not required to closed but under consideration.

<b>Town Facilities &amp; Meetings</b>																																													
<b>Board &amp; Commission Meetings</b>	Limited and based upon urgency of agenda items. Public access to certain meetings may be restricted to remote access only; instructions will be included on any meeting agendas.																																												
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<b>Senior Center</b>	Facility closed for all social functions and events until further notice. Staff available for routine assistance – call in advance.																																												
<b>Schools</b>	Closed until at least March 31, 2020. Information regarding distance learning and lunch program for students has been sent to the school community.																																												
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