



TOWN OF MONROE

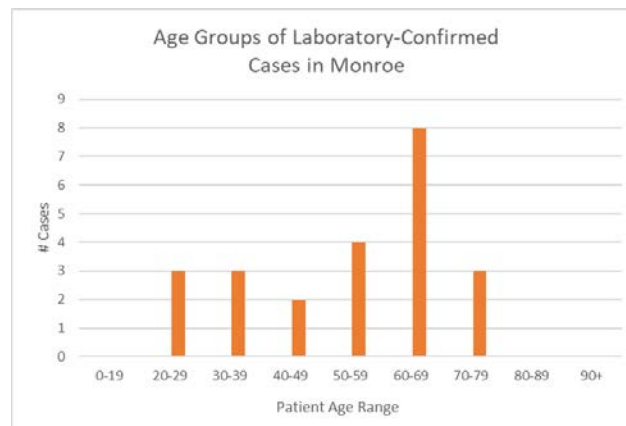
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COVID-19 Pandemic Update

April 9, 2020

As of 7:30 PM last night, the State Department of Public Health has reported a total of 23 laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Monroe. We have confirmed with the State that the new cases reported to us in the last couple of days come from a wide testing date range - anywhere from 3-10 days ago. As stated earlier, we should expect more cases, just as our neighboring towns are experiencing. Additionally, as we continue to see increased overall testing in the state, there will also be more laboratory-confirmed cases. We are in an area of a state that continues to see an increase, so social distancing is more important than ever before.

We continue to post updated counts daily on our website, along with a summary of cases by age group:



Some additional updates:

- As always, our first responders stand ready to continue to serve our residents. For their safety and yours, please remember that 911 is for true emergencies. In particular, our volunteer firefighters have been experiencing an increase in neighbors calling in brush fires, which are later determined to be small, controlled campfires or burning of sticks from yard clean up, all in accordance with a permit issued by the Office of the Fire Marshal.
- As required by the Governor's Executive Orders, earlier this week the Town Council passed a resolution authorizing the Board of Finance to adopt our fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. The Board of Finance will be finalizing this process, which will include the following:
 - At least one remote electronic public hearing no later than May 20, 2020.
 - Finalizing a Proposed Annual Budget no later than May 20, 2020, which will be posted on the Town's website and a summary published no later than May 27, 2020.
 - Further opportunity for the public to submit written comments on their Proposed Budget.
 - Between June 2 and June 5, 2020, the Board of Finance must vote to adopt the annual budget and set the mill rate at a remote electronic meeting, where there is another opportunity for public input.

As many families are celebrating holidays, please remember that we must continue to keep each other safe. This pandemic requires us to not only change our routines, but also find ways to modify our deeply held traditions. Please find ways to connect with both your faith and your family while practicing social distancing.

Kenneth M. Kellogg
First Selectman