



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update June 19, 2020

As of this afternoon's report from the State Department of Public Health, there have been 3 new COVID-19 cases reported in Monroe since my last report, bringing the total to 109.

QUESTIONS ON COVID-19 TESTING

Please refer to the [State of Connecticut Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the state's testing strategy, including who should be tested and how to locate and schedule with a testing center.

UPDATES TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

- Nail and tanning salons are now allowed to open.
- Indoor dining is now allowed subject to capacity restrictions. Outdoor dining is still permitted.
- Indoor private gatherings limit has increased to 25 people.
- Outdoor gatherings limit has increased to 100 people.

Starting July 3:

- Indoor private gatherings will remain at 25 people.
- Outdoor private gatherings will remain at 100 people.
- Outdoor organized gatherings, with 15 feet of space "blanket to blanket," will be allowed with a cap of 500 people. The event organizer is responsible for compliance.
- Outdoor event venues may open at 25% of capacity with social distancing measures.

Starting in mid-July (date to be determined):

- Indoor private gatherings will increase to 50 people.
- Outdoor private gatherings will increase to 250 people.
- Outdoor organized gatherings, with 15 feet of space "blanket to blanket," will be allowed with no cap. The event organizer is responsible for compliance.
- Outdoor event venues will be allowed to increase to 50% of capacity with social distancing measures.

UPDATES ON TOWN SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- **Town Hall:** We continue to service customers via phone, email, online and the dropbox in the Police Department lobby. Those staff that had been working remotely will begin returning to the office on Monday, as we finalize signage and facility reconfigurations, such as partitions. Once this is complete, we will resume limited public access to the building by appointment, and returning to normal operations later in July. Access to public meetings will continue to be limited to remote participation at this time, however we hope to be able to allow for in-person meetings in the near future.

UPDATES ON TOWN SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

- **Parks & Recreation**

- **Pool & Lake:** As announced last week, we will be opening the Wolfe Park pool and Great Hollow Lake. Details will be posted early next week.
- **Camping:** All campsites at Webb Mountain are now available for reservation. Permit is required as usual.
- **Summer Concerts:** Based upon the anticipated rules, and our efforts to reschedule bands, we are pursuing the ability to have a limited concert series in August.
- **Picnic Areas:** We will be opening the picnic areas on July 1st. To make reservations, contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

- **Senior Center** – Based upon state rules and guidance, the Senior Center will remain closed at this time, however we continue to provide services. Contact the Senior Center with any questions.
- **Library** – The Library-to-Go remains operational. We are working towards a limited opening of the building to the public sometime in July.

Thank you.



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