



TOWN OF MONROE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

December 4, 2020

UPDATES ON CASES

- The number of Connecticut towns in the red category has risen to 160.
- Yesterday's statewide case positivity rate was over 7%.
- DPH currently reports Monroe's total cases at 453 confirmed and 35 probable.
- Monroe's 2-Week Case Rate dropped slightly, averaging just under 7 cases per day, or 34.9 cases per 100,000 population.

POP-UP TESTING SITE IN MONROE

- We have scheduled a pop-up, drive-through COVID-19 test site in Monroe for Tuesday, December 8th, from 10:00 AM – 2 PM at Masuk High School.
- This testing is free for anyone seeking a test.
- The south gate at Masuk will open at 9:45 AM; please do not arrive earlier as vehicles will not be allowed to line up on Monroe Turnpike.
- Testing will be conducted first-come, first-served; the state vendor is unable to schedule appointments for this event.
- This is a PCR test done by a nasal swab. Testing will be conducted by a state testing vendor and results returned to you directly in 2-3 days through a patient portal.
- More information and FAQs are posted at www.MonroeCT.org/COVID-19

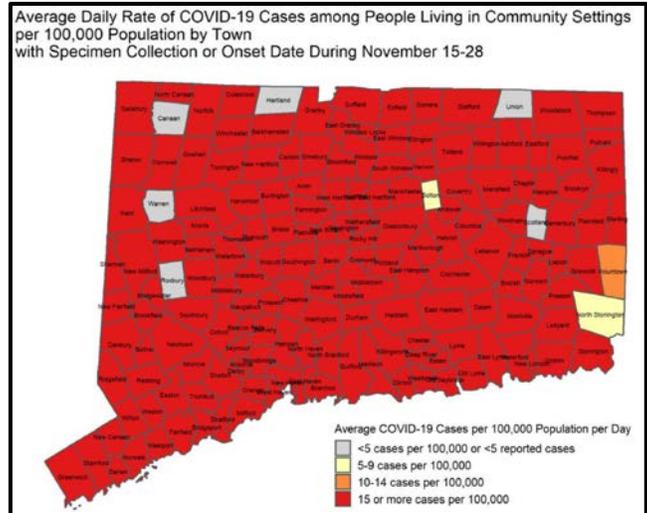
REVISED QUARANTINE RULES

- Revised CDC guidelines now allow for quarantine of exposed individuals without symptoms to end on 10 day ten, or on day 7 with a negative PCR test taken after day 5.

VACCINATION

- We are anxiously awaiting the FDA approval on the vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna.
- While pending this approval and subject to change, the Governor has projected that the first vaccines may be delivered to Connecticut as early as the week of December 14th for healthcare workers, medical first responders, and residents of long-term care facilities.
- The priority groups are anticipated to begin expanding in January until the vaccine is available to everyone, hopefully by the spring. More details will be coming as federal and state advisory committees continue to evaluate vaccine supply, distribution, and demand.


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Town	Daily Cases Rate per 100k population	2-Week Case Total	Category	Total Tests	Percent Test Positivity
Danbury	91.00	1080	RED	9,768	13.80
Bridgeport	76.20	1545	RED	16,178	11.80
Stamford	58.30	1060	RED	13,894	9.50
Norwalk	57.90	722	RED	10,003	9.10
Bethel	54.00	149	RED	2,445	8.10
Brookfield	48.70	116	RED	2,015	6.80
Shelton	48.30	278	RED	3,790	8.20
Stratford	47.80	348	RED	5,098	7.80
Fairfield	39.90	346	RED	7,708	5.00
New Canaan	39.60	112	RED	3,063	4.10
New Fairfield	39.10	76	RED	1,657	5.30
Trumbull	37.90	190	RED	3,182	6.70
Easton	35.20	37	RED	610	6.10
Monroe	34.90	95	RED	1,741	6.40
Darien	32.20	98	RED	2,394	5.10
Greenwich	28.60	251	RED	5,925	4.70
Westport	28.20	111	RED	3,636	3.80
Wilton	27.60	71	RED	2,108	4.00
Redding	25.00	32	RED	808	4.50
Newtown	24.90	97	RED	2,797	4.30
Ridgefield	24.00	84	RED	2,795	4.00
Weston	22.30	32	RED	1,062	3.40
Sherman	15.80	8	RED	382	3.10



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Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site FAQs

When and where is this testing being done?

Testing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Masuk High School. Enter through the driveway on the southern side of Monroe Turnpike. Please note that the gate will not open until 9:45 am – please do not arrive early.

Will there be more testing opportunities besides this date?

We continue to work with the State and their testing partners to establish more regular testing in Monroe and in our immediate area. While we hope to conduct future drive-through testing in Monroe, currently this is the only scheduled event. We will continue to notify the community on our website when additional testing is available in Monroe. Additional testing sites may be found by calling 211 or visiting to www.211ct.org/covidtest/Monroe.

Who is conducting the test?

The Town of Monroe worked with the State of Connecticut to have Sema4, a company headquartered in Stamford, to conduct this testing. More information on Sema4 is available at www.Sema4.com.

Can I make an appointment?

Sema4 is unable to make appointments for this event; testing will be provided first-come, first-served.

How will the testing be done?

This will be a drive-through test. You will stay in your vehicle the entire time. After entering the driveway, follow directions of our Town personnel to get in line. You will receive paperwork to complete while waiting. Anyone wishing to be tested must provide name, date of birth, email and phone number. When you arrive at the final testing location, a Sema4 tester will collect your paperwork and perform the test.

Who can be tested?

This testing site is open to the public and for anyone, with or without symptoms. Children may be tested as well. A parent or legal guardian must be present and provide an email address or cell phone number to register a minor on the Sema4 Patient Portal. Each individual being tested must be registered using a unique email address or phone number. A parent and child cannot use the same contact information.

Will I be charged for testing?

No, the State of Connecticut is providing this testing by Sema4 at no cost to the patient.

How long will it take?

While the test itself is very quick, the time in line waiting to get tested could exceed an hour, depending upon how many people are ahead of you in line. While we hope things will move along quickly, please be prepared to wait if necessary.

What kind of test is this and when will I get my results?

The test is conducted by collecting a sample by a nasal swab. Sema4 uses a highly accurate technique called Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) to look for the virus in your swab sample. Sema4 will contact you directly with your test results through their Sema4 Patient Portal using the information you provide on your registration form. Sema4 advises that results will be returned in 24-72 hours.

What if I am ill?

Individuals who are experiencing symptoms, as well those who are asymptomatic, may be tested. However, anyone feeling ill should always consult with their healthcare provider. If you are severely ill, call 911.