



# TOWN OF MONROE

## OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

### COVID-19 Pandemic Update January 6, 2022

#### CASE RATES

- Case rates have continued to rise significantly here and throughout the state, with record level test positivity rates over 20%. Monroe's two-week rolling average is now up to 34 new cases per day. The State is reporting that over 90% of cases in Connecticut is the omicron variant.
- While the overall disease continues to be less severe for those fully vaccinated and boosted, there are some who have experienced a more serious breakthrough illness. Those unvaccinated continue to be at highest risk, and currently represent 68% of hospitalizations. This very high number of overall cases has contributed to total hospitalizations in the state that are the highest since the spring of 2020.

#### RAPID SELF-TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION

- The Town will be distributing approximately 1,000 additional COVID-19 tests received from the State. These kits are intended for those households that did not receive a kit during our first distribution, are unable to find an alternative testing location, and have a known exposure or who are symptomatic.
- In order to reduce traffic backup onto local roads, **pre-registration for a specific arrival time will be required for this next distribution.** Kits will be distributed this Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Jockey Hollow Middle School. Registration will open tomorrow, Friday January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am, through a link on the Town's website. Registration is limited to one kit per household and vehicle. Each kit will contain two tests.
- You will be required to show your registration confirmation and identification showing Monroe residency. Please arrive at your scheduled time, as we will have sufficient kits for those who have registered.
- Additionally, a limited number of tests have been received for use by Monroe Public Schools.
- A reminder that both urgent care facilities in Monroe, DOCS Medical Group and Hartford HealthCare, are offering COVID-19 testing by appointment. Both facilities had several appointments available as of earlier today.

#### VACCINATION BOOSTERS

- We continue to offer booster clinics by appointment. Signup is also through our website and is refreshed every Friday at noon for the following week.

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First Selectman