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Monroe County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

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Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard For more comprehensive data, please visit: dashboard.monroecounty.gov **PLEASE NOTE:** The Monroe County Department of Public Health has made a number of changes to the COVID-19 Dashboard. A description of these changes is included at the end of this update.

7-Day Rolling Average Positivity Rate

The 7-day rolling average positivity rate will be updated on Thursday.

New Cases and 7-Day Rolling Average of New Cases

There are 224 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the last update. The 7-day rolling average of new cases is 249 new cases per day.

10	Female under 10
7	Male under 10
13	Female 10-19
10	Male 10-19
34	Female in her 20s
15	Male in his 20s
1	Non-binary in 20s
19	Female in her 30s
20	Male in his 30s
2	Blank in 30s
11	Female in her 40s
7	Male in his 40s
17	Female in her 50s
14	Male in his 50s
11	Female in her 60s
10	Male in his 60s
1	Non-binary in 60s
7	Female in her 70s
4	Male in his 70s
2	Female in her 80s
2	Male in his 80s
5	Female in her 90s
2	Male in his 90s
	Female 100+
	Male 100+

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TOTAL NEW CASES

Deaths

There were 0 new deaths. The total is 309 to date.

Hospitalized

The hospitalization number will be updated on Thursday.

Released from Isolation

There have been 8699 Released from Isolation – Confirmed cases to date.

There have been 9020 total Released from Isolation to date. This number reflects confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and known presumed positive COVID-19 cases.

Changes to the Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard:

1) COVID Tests and % of COVID Tests that were positive (7 day average)

At the start of the pandemic, the Monroe County Department of Public Health used a system called CDESS to track individuals tested for COVID-19 to determine the **percentage of County residents tested**. The CDESS system only counts individuals, not the number of tests they have undergone.

As the pandemic has continued, it has become common for many people to undergo multiple tests, especially individuals who work in a health care setting. CDESS does not count these additional tests, so it does not accurately reflect the **percentage of tests that are positive** in Monroe County.

Since New York State uses the percentage of tests that are positive to determine Monroe County's positivity rate, we are changing our dashboard to reflect that percentage. Using a system called ECLRS, we are now counting tests taken rather than using CDESS to count individuals.

This eliminates the ongoing discrepancy between the New York State and Monroe County dashboards and provide information that is more useful during this stage of the pandemic.

2) People Released from Isolation

At the start of the pandemic, the Monroe County Department of Public Health used the term "recovered" to describe people who have completed their isolation period and are no longer considered infectious.

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As the pandemic has continued, it has become evident that many people have mild to severe symptoms that continue beyond their isolation period. Therefore, we feel that “released” is a more appropriate term than “recovered” to describe these individuals.

3) 7-Day Average of New COVID-19 Positive Cases

We are adding this to the dashboard since it is a key metric as we track the prevalence of the disease in our community.

4) Maps

Our maps showing **Cases by Zip Code** and **Zip Code Case Rate per 100K** have been cumulative, showing the cases recorded since March. We are now going to report the **Cases and Case Rate by Zip Code for the Last 4 Weeks** instead, to better reflect the current state of the pandemic and its impact on our neighborhoods.

