

Dear Shutesbury Residents:

This week there are ten known cases of Covid-19 isolating in Shutesbury. Over the past two weeks, July 14-27, there have been thirteen known cases. CDC continues to rate community transmission as “low” in both Franklin and Hampshire counties. Remember, this is the tip of the iceberg. Many cases are not reported.

To report a positive result on a home test, please contact [publichealth@shutesbury.org](mailto:publichealth@shutesbury.org) and if you are symptomatic, report the first day you noticed the symptoms.

We remind you that guidance about isolation (for patients) and quarantine (for close contacts) has been updated. See the details at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public>

You may have heard of “Paxlovid rebound,” a somewhat rare occurrence in which patients experience a return of Covid symptoms after their course of medication is finished. Should this happen to you, you must follow isolation rules again.

Finally, be aware that false negatives on home seem to be getting more common with the new variants. Higher-risk individuals should be vigilant.

The Shutesbury Board of Health