

Dear Shutesbury Residents:

Local cases of Covid-19 are declining. There are currently no known cases in isolation. In the two-week period from May 26 to June 8 there were three known cases. The community level in Hampshire County is medium, in Franklin County, low.

Because of the high vaccination rate in Massachusetts, the Department of Public Health has announced revised guidance for masking. As of July 1, indoor masking will be considered optional for most people, regardless of their vaccination status. To read the press release and link to the DPH website, go to <https://www.shutesbury.org/pandemic-information>. Individuals at high risk are encouraged to continue to wear a mask indoors, and medical settings still require universal masking.

We expect to receive some free test kits for distribution by the end of June. More information forthcoming next week.

The Shutesbury Board of Health