

Dear Shutesbury Residents:

Our Covid numbers are a bit higher this week:

Known cases currently isolating in Shutesbury: 11

Known cases with onset in the 2-wk period 8/25/2022 - 9/7/2022: 14

The new vaccine booster, formulated for the omicron variant, is now available locally. If you received your most recent booster at least two months ago, you are eligible for the new booster. Here are the words of Dr. Leana Wen, an emergency physician and professor of health policy and management at George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, as quoted by CNN:

*"I think it's most urgent for people who have not received any vaccine or not had Covid-19 in 2022 to get the updated booster. This is especially true for older individuals and those who have chronic medical conditions. About 30% of people 65 and older have not had any booster. Those individuals really should get the updated booster now."*

As a public health tool, vaccination works better when many are vaccinated.

The Shutesbury Board of Health