

As of February 26, 2021:

1 case in isolation

1 contact in quarantine

Dear Shutesbury residents:

We anticipate two positive developments in the near future: vaccination appointments should be more accessible soon, and later today the governor will announce a lifting of some restrictions as of March 1.

Several factors have contributed to the difficulty of getting vaccinated. Short supply, weather-related shipping delays, and technical problems with the registration websites are all implicated. **To get around the website problem, some of our local clinics are being classified as “private,” that is, reserved for local residents only. We will pass the links to these clinics on to you as soon as we receive them.**

These are steps in the right direction, but please, don't let your guard down yet! Masks, handwashing, and physical distance are still important in keeping the virus at bay.

In addition, testing is still an important component. Linda Stacy, site supervisor of CIC Health in Greenfield, has sent us this message about a new free testing site:

While getting vaccinated is important, as you may know, routine testing and early detection remains one of the best ways to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals. At the Greenfield location (located at Greenfield Community College), testing is quick and easy. It is by appointment only and most people are in and out in under 5 minutes. The test is the 'Gold Standard' PCR test, self-administered with a simple and shallow nasal swab. Results are fast and accurate and received in 24-36 hours.

The site is open 6 days a week and appointments can be made by going to: <https://www.cic-health.com/stopthespread>.

The Shutesbury Board of Health