

As of May 27:

0 cases in isolation

0 contacts in quarantine

For vaccination statistics, please go to <https://www.shutesbury.org/pandemic-information>

Dear Shutesbury Residents:

Tomorrow, May 29, 2021, most remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted by order of Governor Baker. The governor's press release of May 17 is available for reading [here](#). A new press release is expected on Saturday. Some of the highlights, quoted from the release:

### **Face covering**

In line with updated CDC face covering guidance, the Administration will rescind the current face covering order and issue a new face covering advisory effective May 29.

Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings. The advisory will also recommend fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a face covering or social distance indoors or outdoors except for in certain situations.

Face coverings will still be required for all individuals on public and private transportation (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), healthcare facilities and providers, congregate care settings and health and rehabilitative day services.

Face coverings will also remain required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers. Effective May 18, guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Early Education and Care will be updated to no longer require masks for outdoor activities like recess and to allow for the sharing of objects in classrooms, in both K-12 and childcare settings. This guidance will remain in effect beyond May 29. The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps, effective May 29, which will include no longer requiring masks for outdoor activities.

### **Reopening and gatherings**

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

**State of Emergency**

Governor Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15, and the Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.

Shutesbury's Annual Town Meeting and election is scheduled for Saturday, June 12. As it was last year, ATM will be held under a tent in the field behind Town Hall. The Board of Health will update you on its safety recommendations in a future message.

The Shutesbury Board of Health