

## WILTON HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE ON COVID-19 August 11, 2021

## COVID-19 virus on the increase again in Wilton

For the last two months New Hampshire officials have not been providing cities and towns across the state with daily updates on COVID-19 cases as regulations have been relaxed.

Now the alarm has been sounded where the highly spreadable Delta variant is causing new outbreaks among the unvaccinated, as well as increasing the risk of breakthrough cases in the fully vaccinated. There is a chance we could see a repeat of what happened between last fall and this spring.

Wilton is not immune to this scenario and in fact yesterday we had four new COVID-19 cases reported and one new case today, bringing our active cases to nine.

While New Hampshire is faring better than the rest of the country the increase in daily COVID-19 cases is troubling.

Mask use is no longer mandated by the state, however if anyone feels uncomfortable with the knowledge that cases are on the rise then wearing a face covering is a good choice.

Thankfully, current symptoms of the Covid-19 for those fully vaccinated are a very sore throat, runny nose and in some cases ringing in the ears. These appear to go away after a couple of days and can be confused with the common cold. If you experience any of these symptoms and are concerned, we recommend that you get tested.

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