

August 6, 2021

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are having a good week. As of yesterday, with 232 new cases, the state is considered in substantial transmission with 109 cases per 100,000 residents. Currently there are 1,061 active cases in the state. 65% of cases in the past 7 days are Delta which is up from 45 % the previous 7 days. No county is any longer in minimal transmission (below 5%), which is a big change from a week ago when all counties were still in minimal transmission. Currently the CDC recommends indoor masking for substantial and high transmission, so with the state being in substantial transmission, please remember to mask in indoor public places.

Positivity Rates:

Manchester’s positivity rate jumped and is currently at 5.0%, **up** from 4.2% last week. We will most likely go to once-a-week testing starting on the 16th.

County	8/6/2021	7/27/21	7/20/2021	7/13/2021	7/5/2021
Belknap	2.0%	1.7%	0.70%	0.80%	2.10%
Carroll	2.7%	1.0%	1.10%	0.40%	0.50%
Cheshire	3.7%	1.7	1.40%	0.60%	0.80%
Coos	2.2%	.07%	1.90%	9.20%	1.60%
Grafton	1.6%	.8%	0.70%	0.50%	0.30%
Manchester	5.0%	4.2%	0.80%	0.80%	0.70%
Merrimack	2.8%	2.8%	0.90%	0.80%	0.50%
Nashua	4.1%	2.7%	1.90%	1.20%	1.90%
Rest of Hillsborough	3.9%	1.9%	1.50%	1.00%	0.60%
Rockingham	5.1%	3.1%	1.80%	1.20%	1.20%
Strafford	3.9%	2.1%	1.50%	0.20%	0.70%
Sullivan	1.9%	1.1%	2.90%	0.50%	1.50%

The following interventions continue to be in place:

- All unvaccinated staff continue to wear an N95 mask and surgical mask.
- All vaccinated staff are wearing a surgical mask at all times and in all areas.
- We continue to do staff screening before all shifts.
- We are testing all non-vaccinated staff once per month per state guidelines.

- All residents are assessed for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, 2 times a day and if there is a noticeable change in their condition.

Past News Letters/Other Info:

- News letters are posted on our web site under COVID Updates.
- MTC's visitation guidelines can be found on our web site.
<https://mtcarmelrehabcenter.org/covid-19-update/> .

❖ **If you have any problems scheduling a visit please call Barbra Gray, Life Enrichment Director, Monday-Friday at 935-4607 and she can assist you.**

ZOOM Meeting:

Our next zoom meeting will be on August 19th at 6pm, mark your calendars.

Have a great week,

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