

## **Updated CDC Recommendations For COVID-19 Response In Hunterdon County**

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends masking for all individuals in indoor public settings in regions with substantial or high community transmission, while the average number of daily COVID-19 positive cases and the number of hospitalized patients have increased within the last 2 weeks in Hunterdon County, the County's Health Department Director reported to the Board of Commissioners, at the August 3 Board meeting.

Department Director Karen DeMarco reported, "As of Sunday, August 1st, Hunterdon County is categorized as a community with substantial community transmission by the CDC, and wearing a mask is recommended for those in indoor public settings, including those fully vaccinated."

DeMarco noted, "The CDC advises that even when some individuals are fully vaccinated, they may still become infected and symptomatic with COVID-19. These so-named 'breakthrough' cases, while so far seemingly small in number, can become ill themselves, and then spread COVID to others. The County Health Department is tracking breakthrough cases closely and has noted that cases exist within the county.

The updated information about masking has been shared throughout the county with municipalities, first responders, school communities, and private businesses."

"The Hunterdon County Health Department continues to provide COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment by calling 908 788-1351. Testing is also available by appointment at the HMG office on Route 31 in Raritan Township or through on-line testing at Hunterdoncares.org," DeMarco concluded.

For more information on the CDC recommendations go here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>