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In the wake of the July 4 festivities, we have a growing caseload of Truro residents who are positive for COVID-19; many of these are individuals who are vaccinated. The Town of Truro is working with the VNA, and our neighboring communities to track each case and understand their travel history and if they relate to the Provincetown cluster. All of these cases are being investigated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health through contact tracing.

There is much speculation about the Delta variant, but it is important to know the facts:

- Many people presume that the vaccine is 100% effective at completely blocking the virus, yet while vaccination will protect most people from getting sick with COVID-19, a small percentage may get sick, which is called breakthrough;
- Asymptomatic illness is still a factor even if you are vaccinated.
- Breakthrough is expected and is tied directly to human behaviors.

Please be aware of situations where you may need to protect yourself and others.

- COVID mitigations are a personal choice but the CDC guidance advises unvaccinated people to mask while in public.
- While not required, personal protection for vaccinated people while with individuals who are not in your family unit is advised when you are too close to maintain adequate physical separation.
- Please get tested if you have any symptoms, including what seems like a cold, and if you are sick please do not participate in social events or gatherings.

In its 7-1-2021 Order, the Truro Board of Health requires masking in all public buildings and extends support to Truro business establishments who choose to require the public to mask in efforts to better protect their staff and those vulnerable members of the public.

The Truro Health Department will continue to keep the public advised of further developments regarding COVID-19.

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