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New cases of COVID-19 have been increasing in Barnstable County since July 1, and these cases are not all associated with the Provincetown Case Cluster. All symptomatic individuals should be tested, regardless of their vaccination status. These case increases include both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.

In an update to their guidance released on July 27, 2021, the CDC now recommends fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

In Massachusetts, Barnstable County is the only area of high transmission, as of July 29, 2021.

Pursuant to its July 1, 2021 Order, the Truro Board of Health requires masking inside any business that requires the public to mask, making it a requirement that the public adhere to private businesses' masking mandates. The Board recognizes that business owners may need further guidance from the Town and will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2021 to seek public input on **a requirement for masking in all licensed establishments**, as well as **occupancy and capacity restrictions** similar to those set by the State in 2020.

The CDC also recognized that fully vaccinated people may choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or have an increased risk of severe disease, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated.

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

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