

**ROBO CALL**  
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Good Evening this is Angela Kramer, Public Health Nurse for the town of Ludlow. This week from May 9 to May 16 we had 26 positive COVID-19 cases. This slight increase is due to a small cluster associated with events that had taken place in a small setting.

Although the state has vaccinated over 4 million residents, we are still seeing some hesitancy regarding obtaining the vaccine. As a health care worker, the vaccine is very safe and effective.

The vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. This monitoring includes using both established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19. Our goal is to achieve population immunity.

Population immunity means that enough people in a community are protected from getting a disease because they've already had the disease or because they've been vaccinated.

Population immunity makes it hard for the disease to spread from person to person. It even protects those who cannot be vaccinated, like newborns or people who are allergic to the vaccine. The percentage of people who need to have protection to achieve population immunity varies by disease.

If you have not been vaccinated yet, please sign-up at [vaxfinder.com](https://vaxfinder.com)

We have weekly clinics at our clinic in Palmer at 24 Converse Street, walk-in appointments are also available.

The Governor announced today changes that will be taking place effective May 29, which includes all industries will be permitted to open and industry restrictions will be lifted with capacity to increase to 100%. The gathering limit will also be rescinded. More information can be found at [mass.gov](http://mass.gov)

The Board of Health Nurses are always available to help with any questions you may have at (413)583-5600 ext 1272  
You can also see frequent updates on our Facebook page  
Ludlow Health Department.

Thank you and have a good night.