ROBO CALL 09.07.2021

Good evening this is Angela Kramer, Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health with a weekly COVID-19 update. This week from August 29 to September 7, we had 52 positive COVID-19 cases. Ludlow is currently at 59% totally vaccinated residents for the COVID virus.

At this time, we continue to see a spread of the virus in all age groups but mainly from individuals in the 20- to 50-year-old age group. School age children are also contacting the virus. We highly recommend if you have not received your vaccine to become vaccinated. If you are hesitant about the vaccine speak with your child's pediatrician and/or your health care provider.

The Ludlow Public Schools is offering a vaccine clinic for eligible staff and students on Wednesday, September 8. Staff from Curative will be available in the Ludlow High School Auditorium from 1 pm to 4 pm to administer vaccines.

Please Register in advance for an appointment using the link: <u>Preregistration/Ludlow</u>. Both the Pfizer vaccine (age 12 years and older) and the Janssen J&J vaccine (age 18 years and older) will be available.

The Board of Health continues to encourage wearing a mask while entering a public building regardless of your vaccination status. This will help reduce the spread and protect each other from the virus. Also, if you are experiencing symptoms to seek testing to ensure it is not the COVID-19 virus. We have been seeing more cases arise from not seeking testing sooner. The Board of Health has received 25 doses of the Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine for our office. Please contact the Board of Health for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Walk-ins are not available to receive the vaccine. The vaccine is very safe and effective and is free of charge to anyone. You must be 18 years or older to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. You can contact us at (413)583-5600 ext. 1272 to schedule an appointment. At this time, we do not have Booster Vaccines available. The Department of Public Health is coordinating this beginning the week of September 20. Check the website at mass.gov for any updates. Please continue to reach out to the Board of Health with any questions or concerns. Thank you and have a good night.