

ROBO CALL 09.13.2021

Good Evening this is Angela Kramer, Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health with a weekly COVID-19 update. This week from September 5 to September 13, we had 68 positive COVID-19 cases. Ludlow currently remains at 59% totally vaccinated residents for the COVID-19 virus.

Of the 68 positive cases 7 cases are from ages 12-19, 35 cases from ages 20-40 and 18 cases from ages 50-80. 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.

Like with other vaccines, vaccine breakthrough cases may occur, even though the vaccines are working as expected.

We do understand your concerns about COVID Vaccine Breakthrough. According to the CDC, a "breakthrough" case is **when a person tests positive for COVID-19 at least two weeks after becoming fully vaccinated** (either receiving a one-dose vaccine or the second dose of a two-shot vaccine).

COVID-19 vaccines are effective and are a critical tool to bring the pandemic under control. There is evidence that vaccination may make illness less severe for those who are vaccinated and still get sick. The risk of infection, hospitalization, and death are all much lower in vaccinated compared to unvaccinated people.

Asymptomatic infections among vaccinated people will also occur.

The Board of Health continues to see an increase in cases from social gatherings, sports, large events and venues and we encourage you to wear a mask at these events and 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 any type of cold or COVIE type symptoms to seek testing to ensure it is not the COVID-19 virus.

At Home testing products have become available on the market and on line. The standard of choice is the PCR test performed at the testing sites.

Testing sites can be found at [Get Tested for COVID-19-mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/get-tested-for-covid-19)

The Board of Health has the Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine for our office. Please contact the Board of Health for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Walk-in's are not available to receive the vaccine. You can contact us at (413)583-5600 ext. 1272 to schedule an appointment. Thank you and have a good night.