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Dear Westwood Residents,

I would like to provide a COVID-19 update for the two-week period ranging from Sunday August 8, 2021 to Saturday August 21, 2021.

For the week of August 8, 2021 to August 14, 2021 Westwood had 14 new confirmed COVID-19 cases. The age range for this week was 3- 67 years. 5 of the 14 cases were under 12 years old, 2 in their 20's, 2 in their 30's, 3 in their 40's, one in their 50's and one in their 60's. None of the cases have been hospitalized, and there have been no reported deaths.

For the week of August 15, 2021 to August 21, 2021 Westwood had 11 new confirmed COVID-19 cases. The age range for this week was 5-94 years. 2 cases were under 12 years old. 2 cases were 12-19 years old, 1 case in their 20's, 1 in their 30's, 1 in their 40's, 2 in their 50's, 1 in their 60's and 1 in their 90's. One person has been hospitalized and there have been no reported deaths.

Data gleaned from contact tracing shows a little more than half of our newly reported cases are among the fully vaccinated. With that in mind, the Board of Health continues to recommend to all residents, regardless of their vaccination status, resume the wearing of a properly fitting face covering when indoors in public spaces.

New COVID-19 cases are trending downward slightly as we head into the last full week of August 2021. Our test positivity rate is currently 2.27% down from 2.40% in the previous cycle. We continue to monitor the Town for trends and evidence of community spread.

Recommendations have come out regarding a 3<sup>rd</sup> COVID-19 vaccine dose for those who are medically advised due to certain underlying health conditions. If you have immediate concerns or questions about the appropriateness of a 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccine dose, the MA Department of Public Health advises you to contact your physician directly to discuss.

Stay Well,  
Jared Orsini  
Westwood Health Director