Lancaster Board of Health - COVID-19 Update, August 4, 2021

With COVID-19 infections rates surging nationally in all 50 states largely due to the Delta variant, up 439% since June, and Massachusetts with the 5th highest increase nationally, up 233% in a recent 2 week period, the BOH continues to work diligently to bring additional vaccination clinics close to home.

Sadly, the overall vaccination rate in Lancaster is dangerously low. Only 49% of eligible Lancaster residents have been fully vaccinated. Overall, the Commonwealth has a fully vaccinated rate of 63.6%. Nearby towns such as Bolton have a 75% rate, Clinton is at 61% with only one town, Fitchburg, at 47% having a lower vaccination rate than Lancaster in our region. It is likely the Delta variant will be followed by other, potentially more contagious, and virulent mutations, and unless we improve our immunization rate we will see many more infections, and potentially hospitalizations and deaths, in the near future.

The BOH implores town residents to get vaccinated, and to encourage family, friends, and colleagues to do the same. If you need assistance with getting vaccinated, go to <u>vaxfinder.mass.gov</u>, or call 800-232-0233. If you need to be vaccinated in your home, call 833-983-0485. If you have any other questions please call the BOH at 978-365-3326 ext. 1310.

Data as of 07/20/2021

Age Group	Population	% town population	Fully vaccinated in age group	% fully vaccinated by age
12-15 Years	403	5%	186	46%
16-19 Years	475	6%	247	52%
20-29 Years	1,626	19%	410	25%
30-49 Years	2,204	26%	1,063	48%
50-64 Years	1,726	20%	1,236	72%
65-74 Years	796	9%	645	81%
75+ Years	542	6%	439	81%
Total	8,589	100%	4,226	49%

