

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Via Zoom & In Person
6:30 PM

6:30 PM – Public Comment

6:35 PM – Warren 4th of July Festival Permit Approval – Susan Klein

6:40 PM – Paving Requests/Concerns –

1> Fuller Hill Rd – (From Hourihan up to top of Hill) – Bob & Sandra Grant

2 Golf Course – (From Intersection of West Hill to Golf Course Pavement) – Sally Campbell

7:00 PM – Approval of 911 Road Sign “Bent Birch Way” – Off RT 100 (just after the PowderHound going South)

7:02 PM – Warren Conservation Commission – LUDR Wildlife Map Situation – Jito Coleman

7:30 PM – ARPA Funds – American Rescue Plan Act – Discussion & Motion on Standard Deduction - Selectboard

8:00 PM - Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2022

8:01 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants and Payroll Warrants

8:02 PM – Other Business

Ongoing:

ARPA

Town Garage

VHB Parking/Ped Project

Warren Falls

Covered Bridge

Town Bike Racks

Rootswork Lease – Expires 4/30/2022

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Minutes of 4/12/2022
Warren Selectboard
6:30 PM
VIA Zoom & In Person

Members Present: Luke Youmell, Chair, Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair, Bob Ackland & Devin Klein Corrigan.

Members Absent: Camilla Behn.

Others Present: Kim & Sally Campbell, Jon Rickard, Gene Bifano, Rob (TV 44/45), Perry Bigelow, Susan Klein, Jim Edgcomb, Matthew Hannon, Patty Carter, Erika (VR), M. Ketchel & Cindi Jones.

6:30 PM – Public Comment – The board would like to acknowledge the resignations of Randy Graves and Michael Ketchel from the Planning Commission. The board thanks both Mr. Graves and Mr. Ketchel for their dedication of service to the Town on the Planning Commission. The board wishes both of them well in future endeavors.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to accept the resignations of Mr. Graves and Mr. Ketchel, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Mr. Hannon asked for an update on the VHB Traffic Parking Plan and asked if the board was taking further comment. Mr. Ackland commented that the board had two public hearings regarding the project and a walk through to accept public comment. The board then asked VHB for a final draft of the planned project area that was submitted to apply for a grant. Mr. Ackland commented that the grant was for \$147,000 with a match of \$28,000 and that the Town was waiting to hear if it was funded.

6:38 PM – Warren 4th of July – Susan Klein – Ms. Klein commented that the 4th of July is back to normal as it was in 2019. There will be kids' activities on Brooks Field, bands, and the shuttles are back from Sugarbush. There was one change: For garbage and cleanup, it will be A&J Recycling instead of Casella. Ms. Klein commented that the Grand Marshalls are Win and Maggie Smith and the theme is "Liberty". This year a poster has been created in support of the Ukrainian Relief Efforts that can be purchased prior to the parade. There will be an option on the Warren website under July 4th for those who want to pre-purchase a poster. Donations to the help fund the Parade can also be paid through the Warren Website Page.

Ms. Carter had an issue with the last parade with a vendor that was set up out in the road by the old Alta building that obstructed the view of the parade acts. Ms. Klein made a note of that issue. Mr. Bifano had concerns about the parking on Ellen Lane, Fuller Hill and Lincoln Gap. On Ellen Lane "No Parking" signs were missed and people were parking on both sides making it a safety hazard. Ms. Klein commented that last year it was missed by the volunteers but noted it this year. Also, on Lincoln Gap Mr. Bifano noted that cars were parking from the bottom up in the narrow sections of Lincoln Gap Road to park. Ms. Klein commented that will change given the shuttle bus has to have a turnaround spot. On Fuller Hill, Ms. Klein commented that she can't control what people do. She suggested that Mr. Bifano meet with her and walk the locations to help address the issues.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Festival Permit for the 4th of July, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

6:54 PM -Paving/Tree/Concerns – Dirt Section of Golf Course Road – Kim & Sally Campbell – The Campbells came before the board to address the 3/10 section of dirt road section on Golf Course Road. The road is now 30' wide in places and each year the road maintenance and buildup of material over the years is causing distress to the beautiful canopy of maple trees. Some have been lost. The lower trunks and roots of many maple trees are being choked by the material (sand, salt etc.) used in the maintenance of the road. The road height has increased due to all the material dumped on it over the years and has created deep down depressions in the driveways and roads off this portion of Golf Course and water that runs off Golf Course now sits in the driveways of many homes. The residents appreciated the hard work of the town crew and effort to maintain this road particularly in mud season. The residents would like to work with the Town to preserve this section of road. They thought that proper paving would better preserve the trees and the beautiful tree canopy, protect the West Hill Sugar Orchard boarding Golf Course Road, ensure that the road will be more passable during mud season and lower the road so the water does not runoff into driveways.

Mr. Cunningham commented that this section of road has been brought up in the past and that the board had agreed that this section would never be paved. It was brought to the board when a property owner (then Lurch) cut some of the maples on the roadside that were on his property for safety concerns. Mr. Youmell commented that a meeting with Megan Moffroid (Tree Warden), Mr. Bombard and the residents would be a good starting point on what could be done to protect this canopy section of the road. Mr. Youmell will contact Ms. Moffroid and set up a meeting with all the parties interested in preserving this road.

7:10 PM – Approval of 911 Road Sign “Bent Birch Way” – This is the Locker residence located at 1094 VT Rte. 100. The property was subdivided off and purchased by C. Clark & L Jackson who subdivided the 80+ acres into three lots. Now that the four lots are accessed by one road, a name has been submitted and approved by the VT E911 Coordinator as Bent Birch Way. The numbering of the lots is in process.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the E911 road name Bent Birch Way, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Approval of Road Name “Valley House View” – Ms. Robbins presented another new road name to be approved. This is the Leighty subdivision off the Access Road. (3 new lots but also an existing house that shares the road access and will be re-numbered). The residents would like to name it “Valley House view.”

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the road name “Valley House View” contingent upon E911 approval, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:13 PM – Warren Conservation Commission – Maps and the proposed LUDRS -Mr. Coleman wanted to let the board that they are working towards getting maps approved so that they can be incorporated into the new LUDRS. The current version of the LUDRS only have reference to the Atlas Maps. He will also be providing them online on the website for the future. Mr. Cunningham asked who is drawing the maps? Mr. Hito commented that it would be Jens Hilke of the ANR.

Ms. Klein asked if the maps would be very detailed. Mr. Coleman commented that he hopes they will. Mr. Youmell asked about timing of getting the maps? Mr. Coleman commented that he expects to have them by the next meeting since the PC is checking in with the SB.

7:25 PM – ARPA Funds -American Rescue Plan Act – Discussion & Motion on Standard Allowance - Mr. Youmell started off the conversation that most of the members of the board were on the webinar about the reporting and standard allowance. In the VLCT webinar it was strongly recommended that towns that have awards under \$10 Million dollars take the stand allowance. The reporting is much more simplified for the municipalities Those with awards over \$10 million will have to do extensive reporting requirements. Mr. Ackland commented that he strongly believes that the standard allowance is not the way to go. He has heard that the money is being used for other services and not as what it is intended for. He heard that some municipalities were using it to give out raises, to buy a truck etc. and he did not think that was appropriate use for this one-time money.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham that the Town of Warren, VT make the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the “Standard Allowance” approach for our ARPA award in the amount of \$499,505.41 to spend on the provision of government services throughout the period of performance of the grant, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Other Business:

Apple Tree Trimming – Property on corner of Brook Rd/School Road - Mr. Cunningham has talked to the owners about trimming the apple trees on their property for better visual sight lines. He was in contact with Whitney Tree Service and they quoted a price of \$1,800 to the Town to prune the apple trees and do some brush cutting up hill from School on that is obstructing the sight lines as mentioned in the VHB report for traffic calming.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the \$1,800 for pruning the apple trees and clearing some of the brush on the up-hill side of Brook Road, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:45 PM – Approval of Liquor Licenses 1st, 3rd and Outdoor Consumption Permit for the Hostel Tevere

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewals for the Hostel Tevere, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:46 PM – Approval of Minutes for March 22, 2022 – Motion by Ms. Klein Corrigan to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2022, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:47 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrant as presented for \$14,883.33, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:49 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrant as presented for \$84,734.62, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:50 PM – Approval of the Washington County Sheriffs Contract – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Washington County Sheriffs Contract for 20 hours/week for a total of \$32,000 as voted in the budget, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:55 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:32 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

No Action Taken:

8:35 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Town of Warren Administrator

The Warren Selecbord

Luke Youmell, Chair

Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair

Bob Ackland:

Camilla Behn

Devin Klein Corrigan

Presentation to the Town of Warren Select Board

April 12, 2022

Sally and Kim Campbell, 189 Johnson Road

We are here tonight representing residents of Golf Course Road, Johnson Road, and some residents of The Farms Association. Many of us have lived here 30+ years.

We are making an urgent request that the remaining unpaved portion of Golf Course Road be paved or rebuilt by the Town of Warren. This 3/10 of a mile stretch from 1497 Golf Course Road to the Solace B&B (formerly Beaver Pond Inn) is one of the most scenic rural roads in the Valley. It is lined by maple trees and during most of the year the road is covered by a beautiful canopy of leaves.

We have observed over the past decade the steady deterioration of the trees due to:

- The constant grading of this unpaved stretch and
- The depositing of so much material on the road during winter and mud season.

The result of this work on the road is that:

- Maple trees have been lost.
- The lower trunks and roots of many maple trees are being choked by the material (sand, salt etc.) used in the maintenance of the road.
- Maple trees have been damaged and scared by plows hitting them.
- Sections of this road have also been widened as vehicles swing wide to avoid deep ruts. The road crew then plows and grades this section. The road is now **30+ ft wide** in parts and the material is running down into scenic West Hill Sugar Orchard and is washing up against the maple trees. Note normal width of the road is between 16-20 feet.
- The road height has been increased due to all the material dumped on it over the years. This has created big depressions in the driveways off this portion of Golf Course Road. Water that runs off Golf Course now sits in the driveways of these homes.

We residents appreciate the hard work of the town road crew and the effort to maintain this road, particularly during Mud Season. However, we believe that the proper paving or rebuilding of this last stretch of Golf Course Road will:

- Better preserve the trees and the beautiful tree canopy.
- Protect the West Hill Sugar Orchard bordering Golf Course Road.
- Ensure that the road will be more passable during mud season.
- Lower the road so that water does not runoff into driveways.

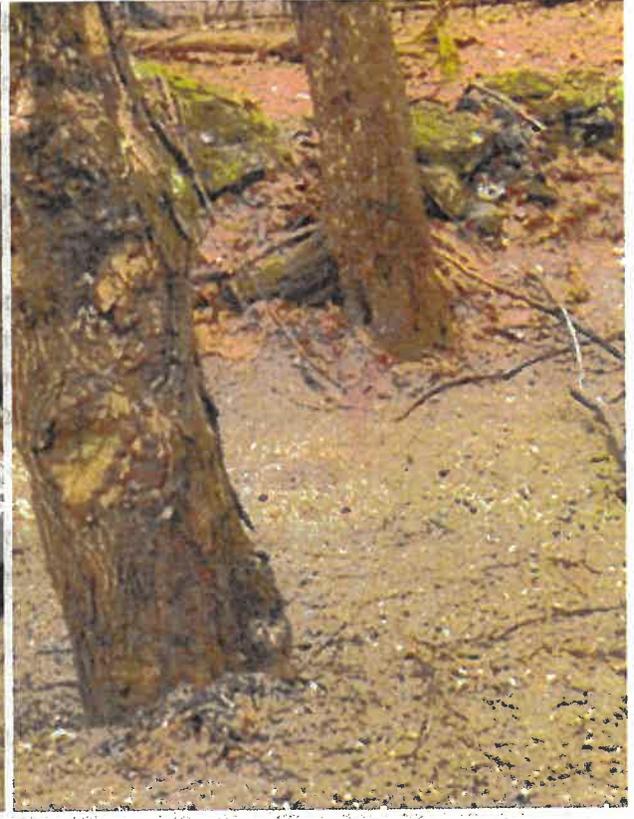
Respectfully submitted,

Sally and Kim Campbell and Chuck Warren (Johnson Road)

Monica Cahilly – Golf Course Road

Matt and Paula Hannon and Geoff and Sue Andrew – The Farms

Photos of some of the damaged Maple Trees:





Photos of where the road has encroached onto the Maple Sugar Orchard Property





4/8/2022

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Attn: Cindi Jones

Dear Cindi, and the Warren Select Board,

It is with great regret that I must tender my resignation from the Warren Planning Commission, effective immediately.

While I have really enjoyed the many challenges and rewards of working on the commission over the past two decades, I find that I am no longer able to perform the duties required at this point in time.

I have already spoken with Jim Sanford, the chair of the commission, as well as most of the other members of the commission.

While I know that this is a difficult time for the commission to lose a member, with the current rewrite of the Land Use and Development Regulations in progress, I know that the rest of the commission is well situated to handle the process. I would be happy to continue to host the <http://planning.warrenvt.org/> website for free, as long as the need remains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ketchel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Ketchel.

WARREN 4TH OF JULY 73RD PARADE



COVID-19 Report for April 12, 2022

Total Cases: 118,683

Cases statewide in the last 21 days: 3,371

Breakthrough Cases Total: **45,146** since Jan. of 2021 as of

Breakthrough Cases per Week: **834** for the last 3 weeks

Currently Hospitalized: 35 with 6 in the ICU

Recent Cases in Washington County in the last 14 days: 326

Cases per 100,000 – Past 14 Days: 560.7 Washington County is 2nd highest, only to Chittenden which is 563.9

Deaths: 623

Death from Breakthrough Cases: **206** since Jan of 2021

Percent Positive 7-Day Avg: 10%, Previously it was 4.2%

Total Tests: 3,508,855

Tested in the last 21 days: 65,346

Total Completely Vaccinated (Including Booster): 350,400 59% of Vermonters age 5+

Total Vaccinated: 484,500 population 5+

Overall Progress w/ at least One Dose: 5+ is 87%

Washington County Progress w/ at least One Dose: 92% of the population 5+

Regional Numbers

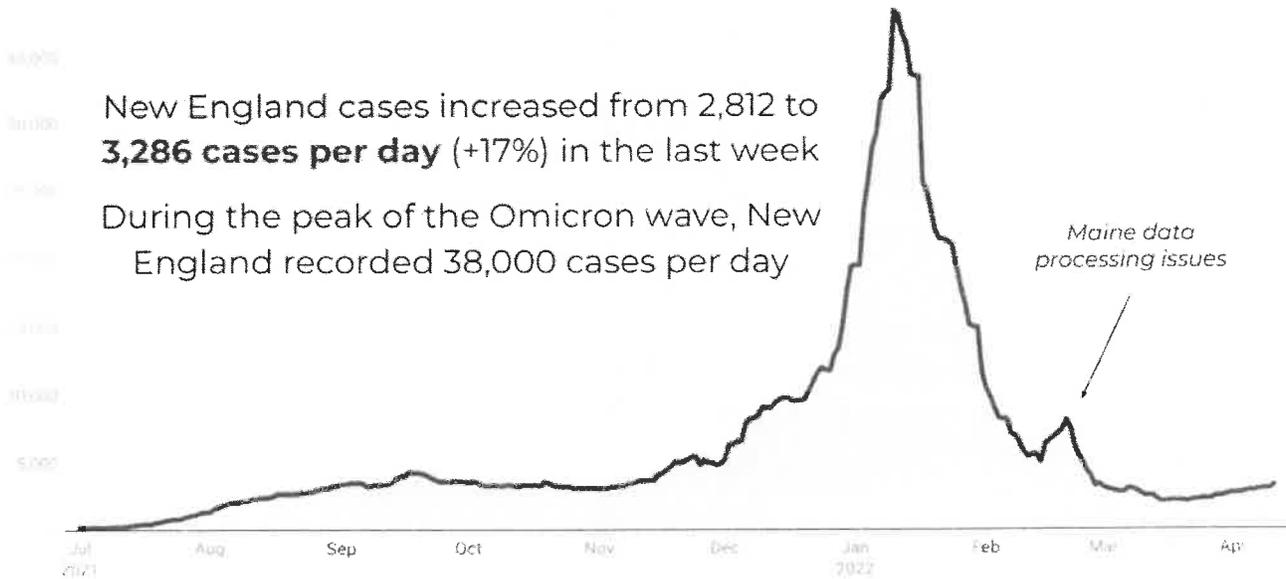
- NY has 5,044,000 cases an increase of 78,000 cases
- MA has 1,714,000 cases an increase of 26,000 cases
- NH has 304,400 cases an increase of 3,000 cases
- Maine has 238,100 cases an increase of 4,000 cases

Regional Vaccination Numbers as of 3.18.22 5+ Population

- NY
 - Fully Vaccinated: 14,860,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 76.4%
- MA
 - Fully Vaccinated: 5,403,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 78.4%
- NH
 - Fully Vaccinated: 946,700
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 69.6%
- ME
 - Fully Vaccinated: 1,062,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 79%

New England COVID-19 Cases

— New England 7-Day Case Average

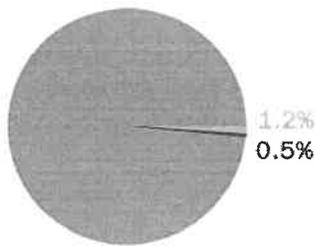


Sources: State Health Depts.—April 11, 2022 (includes: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI & VT)

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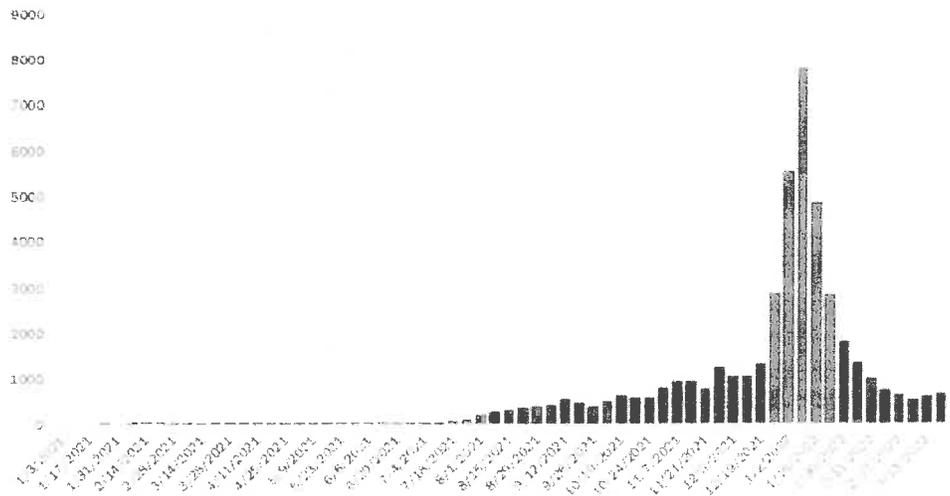
Breakthrough Stats as of 3.31.22

Cases COVID-19 Among Fully Vaccinated Vermont Residents Since January 2021



To date there have been **526 hospitalizations** and **206 deaths** among the **45,146 cases of vaccine breakthrough.**

Fully Vaccinated COVID-19 Cases by Week



Fully vaccinated:

14 days after administration of the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, and 14 days after the administration of the single Johnson and Johnson dose.

Source: Vermont Department of Health, 2020-2022.

Testing

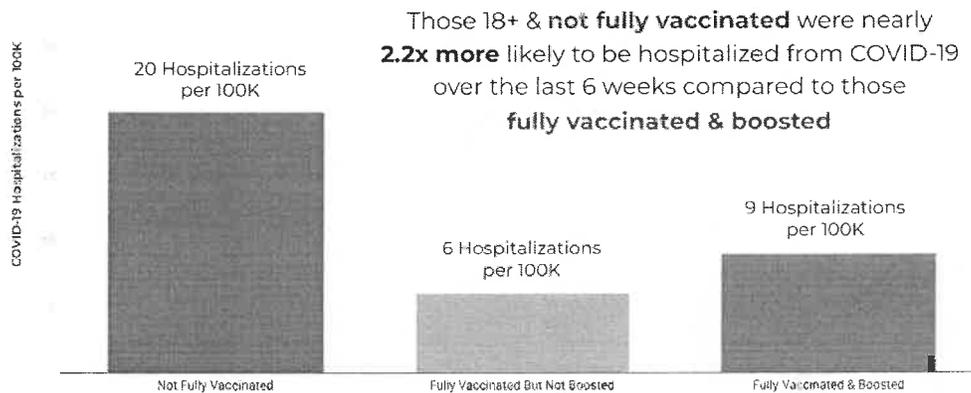
- Testing continues to happen throughout the state.
- Testing continues to be offered almost daily in Waterbury, Middlebury, Northfield, Montpelier and Berlin. Locations can be found at the [VT Dept of Health Testing](#) site.
- Testing in Waitsfield on Fridays & Saturdays from 9am-2pm

Vaccination Planning

- Anyone now 5 years and older are eligible for the vaccine
- Those 18 and up are eligible for the booster from Pfizer, Moderna or J&J
- Walk-in Clinics continue to be available daily, locations can be found on the [VT Dept of Health](#) site.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations By Vaccination Status Per 100K

Measured Over the Last 6 Weeks



Source: VDH—April 9, 2022, created with Datavrapper

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Vermont CDC Vaccine Scorecard

Vaccine Metric	Ranking	Booster Metric	Ranking
Doses Administered per 100K	1	% of Fully Vaccinated w/ booster dose	1
% At Least 1 Dose (5+ Population)	1 (tied)	% of Fully vaccinated 12+ w/ booster doses	1
% Fully Vaccinated (5+ Population)	2	% of Fully vaccinated 18+ w/ booster doses	1
% At Least 1 Dose (Full Population)	2	% of Fully vaccinated 65+ w/ booster doses	3
% Fully Vaccinated (Full Population)	2		
% Fully Vaccinated (65 & Over)	1 (tied)		

Source: CDC—April 11, 2022

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Local Area

The town map of recent case rates is no longer be published; the last update was March 11, 2022. Due to various factors, including the increased use of at-home tests, we are continuing to transition away from COVID-19 case data as a means to measure the impact of the virus in our communities.

For More Information on the Vaccination Data, [Click here for more information.](#)

