PROTECT...DON'T INFECT!



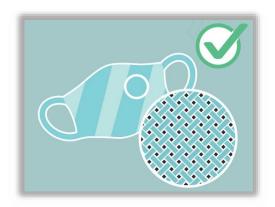
The end of the pandemic depends on more people being vaccinated! Low vaccination rates led to the surge in cases from the Delta variant. Delta is 2x as contagious as other variants and much more likely to lead to hospitalization and death. Case positivity rates and hospitalizations are significantly higher now than at the 2020 peak. Low vaccination rates also increase the chance that variants may emerge against which the vaccines are not effective.

Here's what you can do to protect yourself and others!



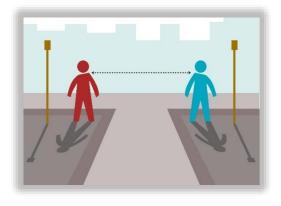
GET VACCINATED! VACCINES ARE SAFE AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE

- Vaccines are safe for adults and children. Side effects are rare and treatable.
- Vaccines are highly effective. No vaccine is 100% effective and some breakthrough infections happen, but fully vaccinated people are much less likely to contract the virus or be severely ill.
- Hospitalizations are 17x higher for the unvaccinated. Almost all deaths are in the unvaccinated.
- Unvaccinated people under 65 are being hospitalized and dying.
 Delta is impacting younger adults at a much higher rate than the other variants.
- Children who are eligible should be vaccinated. Severe cases of COVID-19 among children is rising.



WEAR A MASK!

- Everyone aged 2 and up, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, should wear a mask in public places, until the high rate of transmission ends.
- For the unvaccinated, or those who are or live with someone immunocompromised, elderly or with an underlying medical condition, wear a mask even in areas of low transmission.
- Wear a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin. Make sure it fits snugly against the sides of your face and doesn't have gaps.



SOCIALLY DISTANCE!

- Social distance in public or large groups, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated!
- Indoors, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others in public. It is recommended that students remain at least 3 feet apart while indoors.
- Being outdoors is much safer than indoor activities.