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Over the past four weeks, the Bullitt County Health Department is seeing a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases. Bullitt County's daily incidence rate (currently 36.9 per 100,000 in population) continues to climb. These numbers are comparable to what we were seeing in early February and place Bullitt County well into the red zone classification. The Delta variant is much more contagious with data suggesting it is transmitted more than twice as easily from one person to another than previous variants.

During this time of high transmission and low vaccination rates within the county, consider the following recommendations:

- **Get Vaccinated.** Vaccines are the best public health tool to end this pandemic. Vaccines are highly effective in preventing severe disease, illness, and death. Through vaccination, you are protecting yourself, your family, the medically vulnerable, those who cannot receive vaccine due to age, and your community.
- **Wear a Mask.** While we are designated as an area of high transmission, it is recommended that everyone regardless of vaccination status wear a mask when in public indoor spaces. New data suggests that even breakthrough cases in vaccinated persons can spread the Delta variant to those who are unvaccinated.
- **Social distance.** Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet and maximize the use of outdoor spaces for gatherings. Stay home when you are ill.

These are measures we all can take to prevent further spread. If you've been vaccinated, encourage your neighbors, colleagues, or loved ones who aren't. If you are hesitant about the vaccines, please talk to your healthcare provider. If you are ready to be vaccinated, you can contact the health department or go to <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/> to find a location that is convenient for you. There are several locations in Bullitt County and surrounding counties.