

BOARD OF HEALTH



TOWN OF HEATH Massachusetts

November 23, 2021

Dear Heath Stakeholder,

The Heath Board of Health is inviting you to participate in a “COVID Collaboration Meeting” scheduled for **Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. We have reached out to you as you are a member of our community who either volunteers on a board/committee, or who is employed by the Town of Heath. Your leadership and participation in our community gives you a valuable perspective as to what makes our community as a whole feel safe, and we would appreciate your input.

A representative from Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) will speak to the status of COVID in Massachusetts as a whole, in Franklin County, the hill towns, and in Heath specifically. An update on CDC guidelines, vaccines, masking, and COVID testing will also be provided. We will also hear about how other communities are adjusting preventive measures.

The Board of Health wants to ensure that we are establishing rules that not only meet State and Federal guidelines, but that we also, as a community, feel comfortable with. We want to hear from YOU, stakeholders in our Town of Heath, about what makes you and your fellow residents feel safe. Board of Health is seeking your input as we:

- Determine how to be PREVENTIVE rather than REACTIVE in decision making
- Consider keeping current protective measures in place during the high-risk season (into January)
- Establish metrics that will inform our future decisions to reduce the safety measures in place
- Update guidelines for town employee exposures
- Establish criteria for returning to stricter measures, if necessary

We hope that you can participate, but if you are not available, please encourage another member of your board/committee/department to attend.

We look forward to collaborating with our community members as we move forward into the winter season, and hopefully into a more open spring.

Most Sincerely,
Gene Garland
Chair, Heath Board of Health