

## COVID-19 Update - Delta Variant



Vermont has been able to make steady progress against the pandemic during the past several months, and the return to more traditional activities has been positive for all. We are still in a global pandemic, and the more contagious and faster spreading Delta variant has become the dominant strain both nationally and here in Vermont. The Center for Disease Control has issued new information and guidance in response to the increase in COVID-19 cases across the country.

- ◆ New CDC guidance recommends both **vaccinated and unvaccinated** people use masks indoors, particularly in high traffic public areas.
- ◆ The CDC continues to recommend that all unvaccinated individuals (and vaccinated individuals who are immunocompromised, or live with someone who is) should wear masks while in public.
- ◆ Jay Peak Resort requires the use of masks by employees and guests involved in close contact business while community transmission remains at the elevated level. Close contact services currently offered are limited to the Taiga Spa & Jay Childcare.

### The Good News:

- ◆ VT Department of Health reports that over 85% of eligible Vermonters have received at least 1 dose of vaccine.
- ◆ When analyzing vaccination percentages by state, New England has 7 states in the top 10 - with Vermont leading the way.

### Please continue to follow these COVID-19 Protocols when at work:

- ◆ Stay home if you're sick - it doesn't matter if you're vaccinated or not.
- ◆ **UNVACCINATED** people should quarantine and test if they develop symptoms or have close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- ◆ **FULLY VACCINATED** individuals do not need to quarantine, but should monitor for symptoms for 14 days and test if they develop any.
- ◆ Continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands regularly and using hand sanitizer found at the EverClean Wellness Stations across the resort.
- ◆ When needed, wear a mask for added protection.
- ◆ Keep up your vigilance both while at the resort and when you are enjoying time away.

### WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

Encourage others in our communities to get vaccinated. Fully vaccinated individuals make up less than 1.1% of hospitalizations and .8% of deaths in new cases of the Delta variant.

As a community, we do not want step backwards in this process - we want to continue to make advancements towards safeguarding our way of life. Please be mindful of your own wellbeing and encourage others to follow these best practices.