In accordance with the most recent CDC guidance and the fact that Dukes County is considered to be at substantial risk for COVID transmission, the Island Boards of Health strongly advise that individuals wear masks when indoors or in enclosed spaces serving the public or when unable to maintain social distance, regardless of vaccination status.

What We Know

The COVID-19 Delta variant, which is far more transmissible and leads to an infection and symptoms much more quickly than the original virus, is on the Vineyard.

Fully vaccinated individuals CAN be infected and NOT know it, thereby being a risk to others. They can also transmit the virus to both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

Individuals who are vaccinated are at much lower risk of infection, illness, hospitalization and even death.

What Should You Do?

Please get vaccinated.

Give careful thought to entering crowded indoor space if an alternate time might be less crowded.

Enjoy as many of your activities as you can outdoors and ventilate indoor space shared with non-household members as much as possible.

Get tested if you believe you've been exposed and stay home if you are not feeling well.

If you are fully vaccinated, consider not mixing with un-vaccinated friends or family indoors.