



**Town of Athol  
Board of Health**

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**ATHOL PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY  
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Due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in the Athol Community and the impending holiday gatherings threatening to further increase positivity in our area, and in accordance with the Governor's winter advisory regarding mask/face covering issued today; the Athol Board of Health has put forth an advisory for residents and businesses in Athol to wear masks/face coverings indoors in public places regardless of vaccination status.

Businesses are encouraged to post signage such as "Mask Wearing Appreciated". While vaccination does prevent most hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19, it is still possible for vaccinated people to contract and transmit COVID-19 to others. Masks/face coverings will deter the spread of severe infections in our community to avoid overwhelming our healthcare resources. COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine boosters are highly effective at protecting against serious illness, hospitalization and death.