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### MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, May 20, 2021

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released new guidance for those who are fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus, saying they can resume normal “pre-pandemic” social activities, both inside and out, without wearing a mask.

This guidance is based on their findings that the Covid-19 vaccines are very effective in preventing disease, especially severe illness, hospitalizations and death and that they reduce the risk of spreading disease.

The CDC states they are still learning about what the vaccines will do, including how long vaccine protections will last, if the vaccines protect those with weakened immune systems and how well they will work against Covid-19 variants.

This being the case, the Monroe County Health Board encourages all businesses and residents to keep us moving forward and toward the end of this Covid-19 pandemic with these recommendations:

- **If not fully vaccinated, wear a face covering and practice distancing to protect yourself and others.**
- Follow CDC guidelines. Understand they will continue to change as more is learned.
- Get your Covid-19 vaccine. Help others get theirs too.
- Wear a face covering where required, including in federal and state buildings including COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics, on public transportation, in healthcare facilities, and any business that may choose to require them.
- Consider wearing a face covering and distancing even after fully vaccinated if indoors in a public area to support those who can't be vaccinated or have a weakened immune system.
- Be respectful and cooperative with businesses and facilities that continue to require face masks in order to offer protection to all patrons and staff, vaccinated or not.
- Use environmental controls like distance, ventilation, outdoor air and cleaning to reduce risks for all.
- If you have symptoms, get tested and isolate and quarantine as needed.

Celinda Kay Leach, Board Chairperson

