



Serving the Towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox,
Monterey, Mount Washington,
New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield and Stockbridge

Mission: "To leverage partnerships, provide quality public health services and directly improve the health and well-being of the entire community."

PHN Quarterly Report: January-March 2022

The SBPHC public health nurses have spent the first quarter of the 2022 winding down from the holiday surge of COVID and laying the groundwork for upcoming comprehensive public health nursing for the rest of the year. This quarterly report includes the following for each town:

- MAVEN Events: table by town
- COVID-19 Activities: List, plus #s served in each town
- BP/Wellness Clinics: List by town, plus #s served if appropriate
- Upcoming Projects

MAVEN EVENTS

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative is fortunate to have two full-time public health nurses who monitor MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network) and follow up on high risk COVID cases and other diseases as required by Massachusetts General Law.

ALFORD

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Lyme Disease			2
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	12	1	2

GREAT BARRINGTON

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Calicivirus/Norovirus	11		
Campylobacteriosis	2		
Campylobacteriosis		1	
Giardiasis		1	
Hepatitis B		1	
Hepatitis C	2		
Hepatitis C	1		
Influenza	4		
Lyme Disease			16
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	462	64	
Salmonellosis	2		
Shiga toxin producing organism			1
Shigellosis		1	
Tuberculosis	3		
Yersiniosis		2	

MONTEREY

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Lyme Disease			5
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	39	1	

MAVEN EVENTS

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LEE

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Campylobacteriosis	1		
Hepatitis C	1		
Hepatitis C		1	
Influenza	4		
Lyme Disease			2
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	413	95	
Tuberculosis	2		

LENOX

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Calicivirus/Norovirus	3		
Campylobacteriosis		1	
Influenza	13		
Lyme Disease			3
Multi-drug Resistant Organisms		2	
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	273	52	
Tuberculosis	2		

MOUNT WASHINGTON

Disease	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Lyme Disease		1	
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	6		

NEW MARLBOROUGH

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Calicivirus/Norovirus	1		
Campylobacteriosis		1	
Lyme Disease			6
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	60	7	

OTIS

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Influenza	1		
Lyme Disease			2
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	90	6	

SHEFFIELD

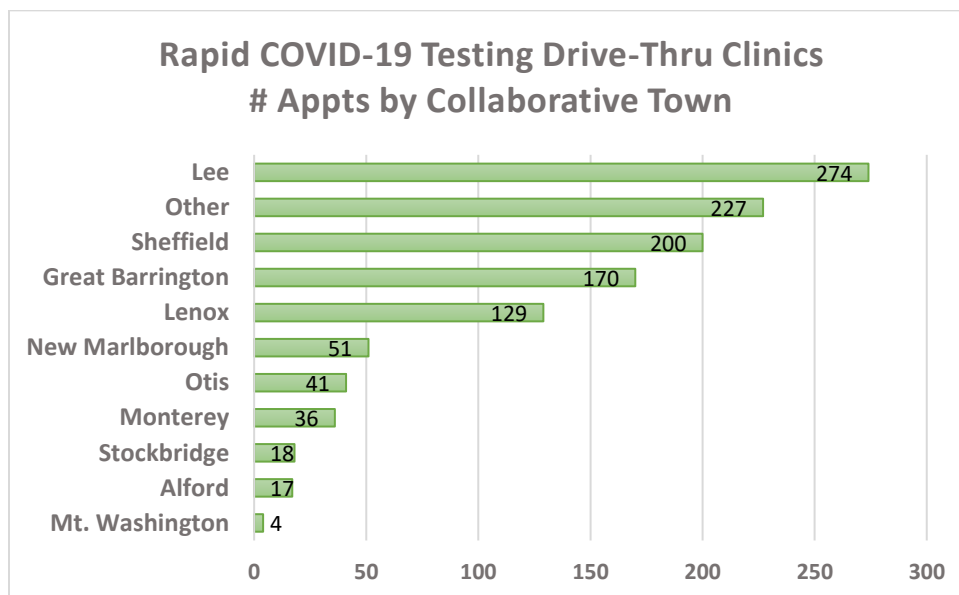
DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Calicivirus/Norovirus	1		
Cryptosporidiosis	1		
Hepatitis C		1	
Lyme Disease			9
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	205	16	

STOCKBRIDGE

DISEASE	CONFIRMED	PROBABLE	SUSPECT
Calicivirus/Norovirus	1		
Influenza	2		
Lyme Disease			3
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	72	7	

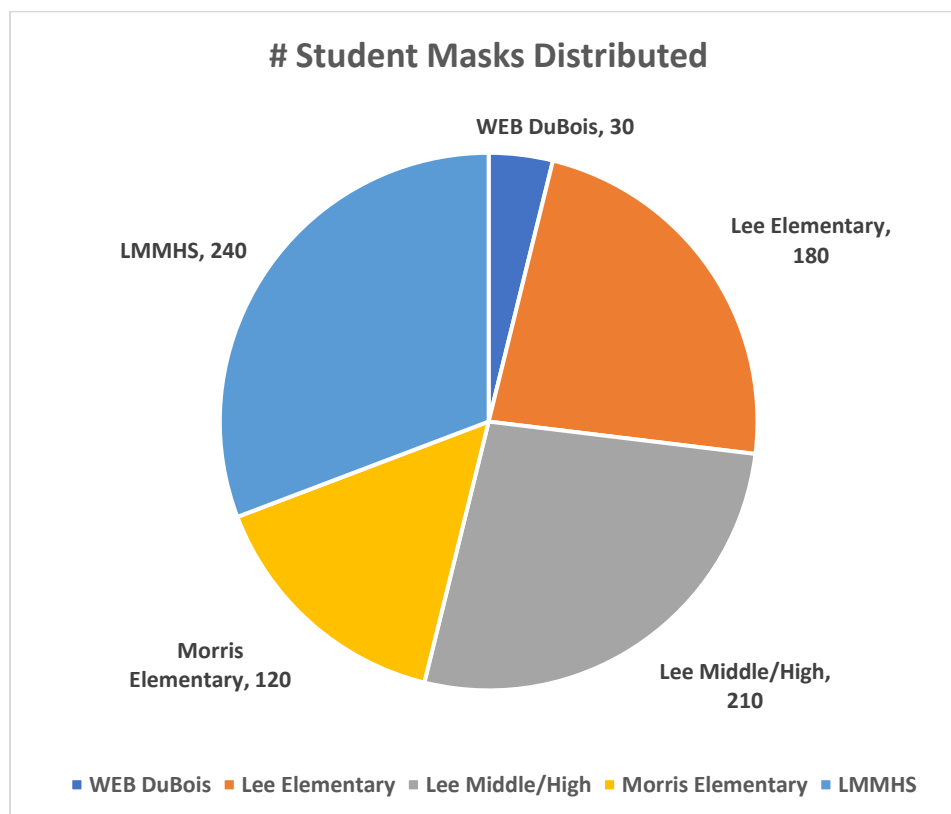
SBPHC PHN QUARTERLY COVID-19 MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

The SBPHC mobilized drive-thru rapid antigen testing clinics around the holidays to increase supervised testing access at a time when people were visiting friends and families. Below is the number of tests administered by town.



Masks Provided to Students

SBPHC offered a month's supply of KN95 masks to any student attending a South County public school, whose family felt they or a household member was at high risk for severe COVID disease. A needs assessment survey in English and Spanish was sent out through the schools and 41 SBRSD families responded, although none needed additional masks. The SBPHC was able to purchase child-sized KN-95 through funding provided by the New England Rural Health Association for Rural Vaccine Equity Grant.



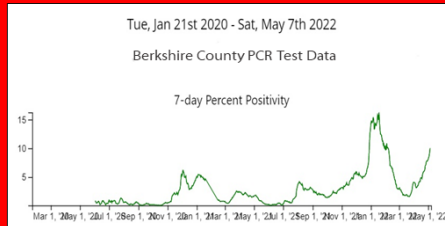
SBPHC MOST RECENT COVID-19 DASHBOARDS

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED 5/6/22

Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge

# NEW REPORTED CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 24-30): 131 7-Day Change in Case #: +27%	# PCR TESTS 7-Day (Apr 24-30): 1531 7-Day Change in # Tests: +14%	PCR TEST POSITIVITY 7-Day (Apr 24-30): 8.56% 7-Day Change in Positivity: +11.57%
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CURRENT STATE GUIDANCE: UNVACCINATED & HIGH RISK – ADVISED TO MASK INDOORS*
CURRENT CDC GUIDANCE: HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS – TALK TO PROVIDER ABOUT EXTRA PRECAUTIONS
 EVERYONE – STAY UP TO DATE WITH VACCINES, TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC



BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 IMPACT: HIGH/RED

NEW COVID-19 CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 28-May 4): 500.2/100,000 POP.
NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS 7-Day Total (April 27-May 3): 15.5/100,000 POP.
PERCENT OF INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS 7-Day Average (Apr 27-May 3) : 4.6%

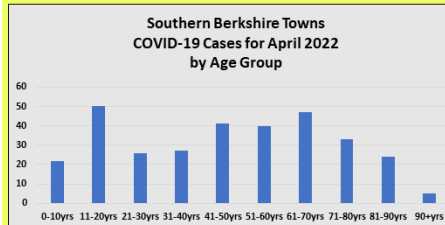
*Depths of Education & Early Education/Childcare have their own guidance. Health care facilities & public transport still require all to mask indoors. Created by the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED 4/29/22

Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge

# NEW REPORTED CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 17-23): 103 7-Day Change in Case #: +61%	# PCR TESTS 7-Day (Apr 17-23): 1343 7-Day Change in # Tests: -4%	PCR TEST POSITIVITY 7-Day (Apr 17-23): 7.67% 7-Day Change in Positivity: +68%
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 IMPACT: MEDIUM/YELLOW

NEW COVID-19 CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 20-26): 349.76/100,000 POP.
NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS 7-Day Total (April 20-26): 3.9/100,000 POP.
PERCENT OF INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS 7-Day Average (Apr 20-26) : 2.8%

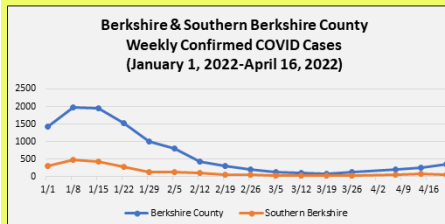
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SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED 4/21/22

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# NEW REPORTED CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 10-16): 64 7-Day Change in Case #: -12.3%	# PCR TESTS 7-Day (Apr 10-16): 1400 7-Day Change in # Tests: +0.6%	PCR TEST POSITIVITY 7-Day (Apr 10-16): 4.57% 7-Day Change in Positivity: -12.8%
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 IMPACT: MEDIUM/YELLOW

NEW COVID-19 CASES 7-Day Total (Apr 13-19): 293.73/100,000 POP.
NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS 7-Day Total (April 13-19): 5.2/100,000 POP.
PERCENT OF INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS 7-Day Average (Apr 13-19) : 1.7%

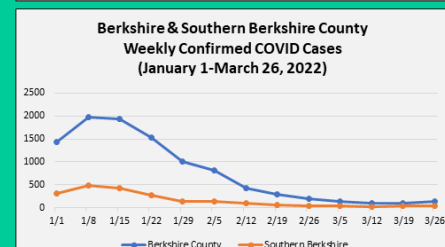
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SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED 4/1/22

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# NEW REPORTED CASES 7-Day Total (Mar 20-26): 35 7-Day Change in Case #: -2.8%	# PCR TESTS 7-Day (Mar 20-26): 1793 7-Day Change in # Tests: 35%	PCR TEST POSITIVITY 7-Day (Mar 20-26): 1.95% 7-Day Change in Positivity: -28%
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY COVID-19 IMPACT: GREEN/LOW

NEW COVID-19 CASES 7-Day Total (Mar 23-29): 111.25/100,000 POP.
NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS 7-Day Total (Mar 23-29): 3.5/100,000 POP.
PERCENT OF INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS 7-Day Average (Mar 23-29) : 2.1%

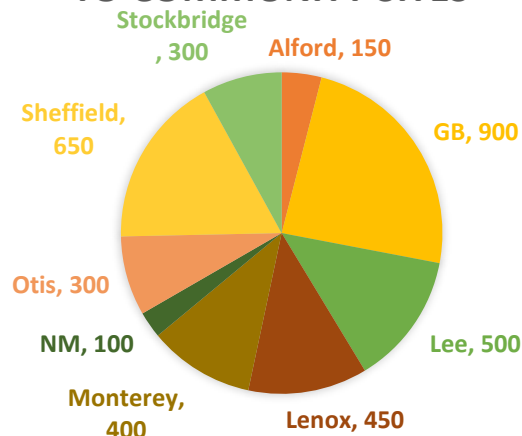
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SBPHC PHN COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION SITES FOR MASKS

In collaboration with the New England Rural Health Association for Rural Vaccine Equity and Fairview Hospital, the public health nurses created and distributed kits that contained N-95, KN-95 masks and a pamphlet to be distributed in locations that serve populations who are at increased risk for illness for COVID-19.

LOCATION	COMMUNITY
Alford COA	Alford
People's Pantry	GB
Ramsdell Library	GB
VIM waiting room	GB
Construct	GB
Mason Library	GB
GB Senior Center	GB
Bostwick Gardens	GB
Flag Rock Village	GB
Lee Food Pantry	Lee
Lee Senior Center	Lee
Hyde Place	Lee
Lee Library	Lee
Lenox Food Pantry	Lenox
Lenox Library	Lenox
Lenox Community Center	Lenox
Food Pantry	Monterey
Monterey Library	Monterey
New Marlborough Library	NM
Otis COA	Otis
Otis Food Pantry	Otis
Sheffield Food Pantry	Sheffield
Sheffield Library	Sheffield
Sheffield Senior Center	Sheffield
Sheffield Town Hall	Sheffield
Dewey Court	Sheffield
Stockbridge Library	Stockbridge
Heaton Ct	Stockbridge

N95 & KN95 MASKS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY SITES*



SBPHC PHN COMMUNITY BLOOD PRESSURE/WEELLNESS CLINICS

The SBPHC PHN have a set schedule to provide blood pressure clinics around the region, in accordance to the interest for each town. These clinics were just getting ramped up again after the winter surge in this quarter, but we anticipate that participation and number of sites will grow as the region settles into the new normal.

TOWN	SCHEDULED DAY OF THE MONTH	# CLINICS/#ATTENDED
MONTEREY	2ND THURSDAYS	1 – 4 attendees
SHEFFIELD	2ND THURSDAYS	1 – 0 attendees
LENOX	2ND WEDNESDAYS	1 – 3 attendees
GREAT BARRINGTON	3RD THURSDAYS	1 – 0 attendees
LEE	LAST TUESDAYS	1 – 6 attendees

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Homebound Vaccines:** The SBPHC PHN is in the process of reaching out to COA to identify homebound residents in order to develop a homebound vaccine program.
- **Rapid Testing by Appointment:** There are no longer any Stop-the-Spread sites in Berkshire County, meaning that there is no longer free testing for residents who otherwise don't qualify for testing through insurance. We are looking at whether there is a need for rapid testing for individuals who need a rapid test and are not eligible for insurance reimbursement to get a PCR test. People needing a supervised rapid antigen test can get one by appointment by reaching out to jill@tritownhealth.org or (413)717-7209.
- **Car Seat Clinics:** Jill Sweet has undergone the certification process to check and install car seats. She has also applied for/received a grant that will provide free replacement car seats when she finds expired or seats that are not appropriate for a child during clinics in early summer.

Questions?

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