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**PRESS RELEASE - For Immediate Release**

**RE:** **Scott County at Substantial Level of Community Transmission**

Due to an increase in the past 7-day percent positive rate in Scott County, the CDC now reports Scott County to be in the SUBSTANTIAL level of transmission of the coronavirus. The metrics the CDC uses to make this determination include a combination of total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days (Scott County = 29/100,000) and percentage of positive diagnostic and screening tests during the last 7 days (Scott County = 8.78%).

The CDC’s updated mask guidance recommends that masks be worn in indoor public spaces (regardless of vaccination status) for individuals living in communities with substantial or high levels of community transmission.

The level of community transmission for any community will fluctuate. The best form of protection against the virus continues to be vaccination for those age 12 and older. Find a vaccination opportunity in our community by visiting [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

Our department will continue to post weekly updates on our level of community transmission of the virus. Updates can be found at any time by visiting the CDC’s Data Tracker website at: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.