

## Weekly Video Update, June 21, 2022

**Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 28, up from last week's 25. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 55 down from 76 last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 7.73% down from 8.97% of last week. Plymouth County is at 5.95%, down from last week's 7.1%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 5.62% down from the previous week of 6.52%. Statewide there are 34 individuals in ICU down from 54 of last week. 14 patients are intubated, down from 18 of last week. So declining numbers mostly across the board as the weather gets nicer.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and boosters are widely available. Go to [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir was even yesterday, down from 1.75" last week. Tack Factory Pond was at +1.00% down from last week's measurement +1.75" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.481 mgpd, down from 1.553 mgpd of last week's usage. Summer usage numbers have begun! Please do your part to conserve water as we enter the heavy water use season. Manganese measured at the WTP is high enough to cause discolored water. As the temperatures rise, so will the Manganese levels in the water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .28" measured at the Plant. Celco is working on Greenfield Terrace installing services.

A reminder that as of 5/1 the state required water restrictions are in place. These restrictions are issued by the state. All outdoor watering must occur before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. Automatic irrigation systems can be used one day per week as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. Information is available at [www.scituatema.gov/water-division](https://www.scituatema.gov/water-division)

3. There will be a listening session this evening for residents of Old Forge Road and Doctor's Hill areas concerning the proposed new water treatment plant. Residents have been mailed link to the meeting so that they can participate. A town wide Q&A is currently scheduled for 7/13/22. Details of that meeting will follow.
4. Residents can go to the town web site or go to [www.ScituateSurvey.com](https://www.ScituateSurvey.com) to take a brief survey about the proposed new treatment plant. The survey will ask for your email address which we will use to send news and updates as we move forward in the process.
5. Tomorrow, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 the annual "mock drill" lifeguard training will take place at Peggotty Beach. Lifeguards, Police, Fire and Harbormaster will all be present for the

training. So that will be the activity you will see there tomorrow. Lifeguards will begin staffing the beaches this Friday, 6/24.

6. Fourth of July weekend is coming up soon. A reminder that fireworks are illegal as is public consumption of alcohol and bonfires. If you are having people over, please make sure that public safety vehicles can get by and access the neighborhood. Be smart and stay safe.
7. Cohasset has informed us that utility work will begin this week on Route 3A between Stop and Shop and Pond Street and continuing until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Between the hours of 8am and 3pm southbound traffic will be detoured off of Route 3A to Upper King Street. Northbound traffic will be shifted into the southbound lanes but will not be detoured off of Route 3A. If you take Route 3A in the morning, be prepared for delays.
8. The Sanctuary at Herring Brook will be holding a lottery for the affordable housing units on August 8, 2022. A public information session will be held via Zoom on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be received at SEB Housing by 2:00 pm on July 25, 2022. This information will be posted on the town web site or you can go to [sebhousing.com](http://sebhousing.com) and click “Affordable Housing Opportunities” at the top of the page for more details.

## **Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

### **Health & Wellness Update:**

Below is our weekly COVID-19 data since our last report on June 3, 2022.

The total number of reported COVID-19 cases in our schools this week is **28**.

Below is our weekly COVID-19 data since our last report on June 10, 2022.

The total number of reported COVID-19 cases in our schools this week is **19**.

District	0 cases
Employees	

Cushing	1 case
---------	--------

Gates	6 cases
-------	---------

Hatherly	0 cases
Jenkins	1 case
SHS	11 cases
Wampanatuck	0 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported by the Scituate Board of Health over the past 14 days is 55 individuals.

The town's positivity rate over the last 14 days is listed as **7.73 %**.

#### **Last day of school June 27th- half day for students**

Today we are one of the first (if not only) school districts in the state to hold our inaugural "Juneteenth Celebration!" There were close to 200 people there enjoying each other's company, learning about the importance of the holiday and celebrating through dance, poetry, music and stories. A huge shout out to Jamele Adams, Markaveus Barnes, Cheryl Riedel and all the staff and students that contributed to organizing the event, as well as those that participated and attended. As we can see by today's celebration and the huge turnout- love beats hate :)

#### **Cushing Principal Search Process Update**

Dear Cushing Families:

We would like to thank the communities of Jenkins and Cushing Elementary schools for their thoughtful selection of representation on our Principal Search Committee & their contributions to the candidate profile used to guide the search process. The Principal Search Committee has spent a significant amount of time studying the candidate profile, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and making thoughtful recommendations. The committee moved two clearly outstanding candidates forward to the next round of interviews with the central office. Additional interviews and reference checks will take place over the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to a community forum that will take place in July. For more information about the process, we encourage you to reach out to anyone on the committee.

Mr. Burkhead wished everyone a happy Summer!

**Upcoming Meetings**

Mr. Boudreau provided an update on this week's meetings:

All meeting agendas can be found on the town calendar <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

DEI meets tonight, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM

Beautification meets tonight, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM

Conservation meets June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM

ZBA, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM

Planning Board meets June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.

Beautification is holding a beach cleanup from 3-5 pm on Sunday at Egypt beach.