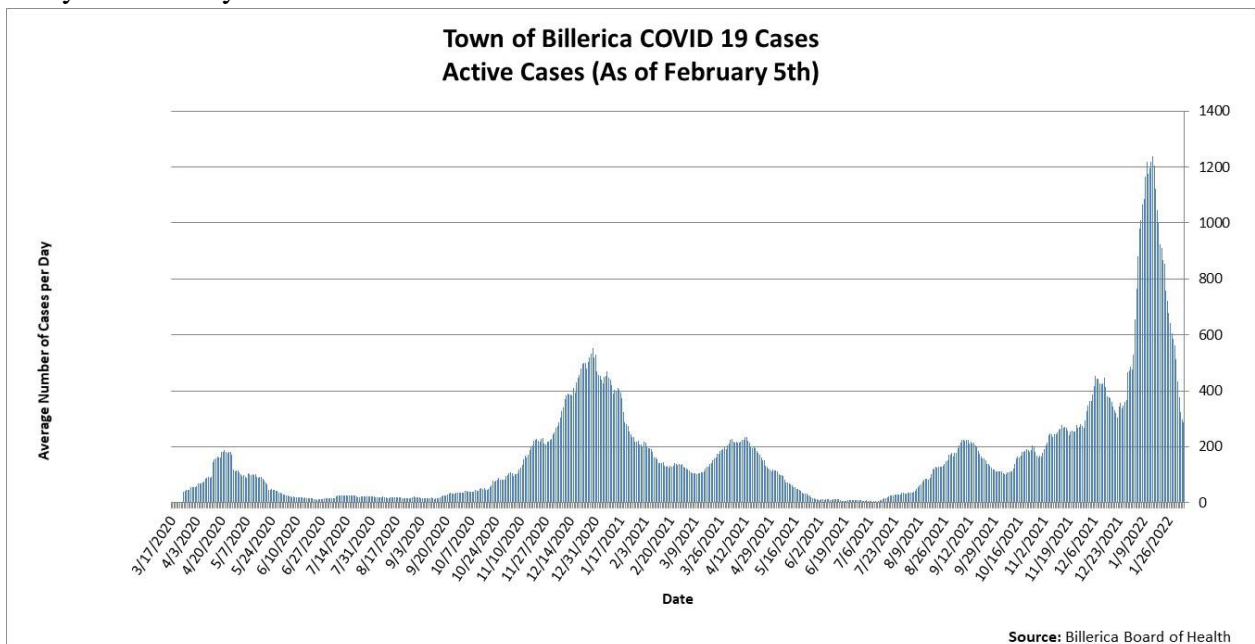
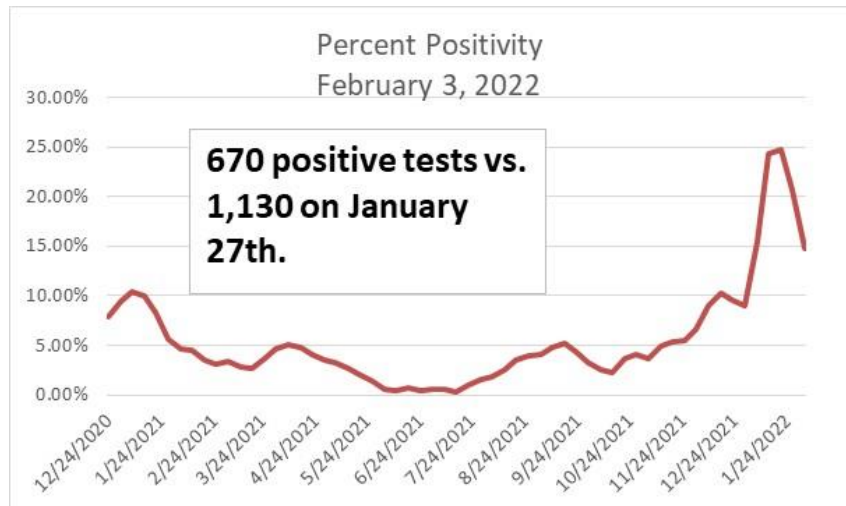




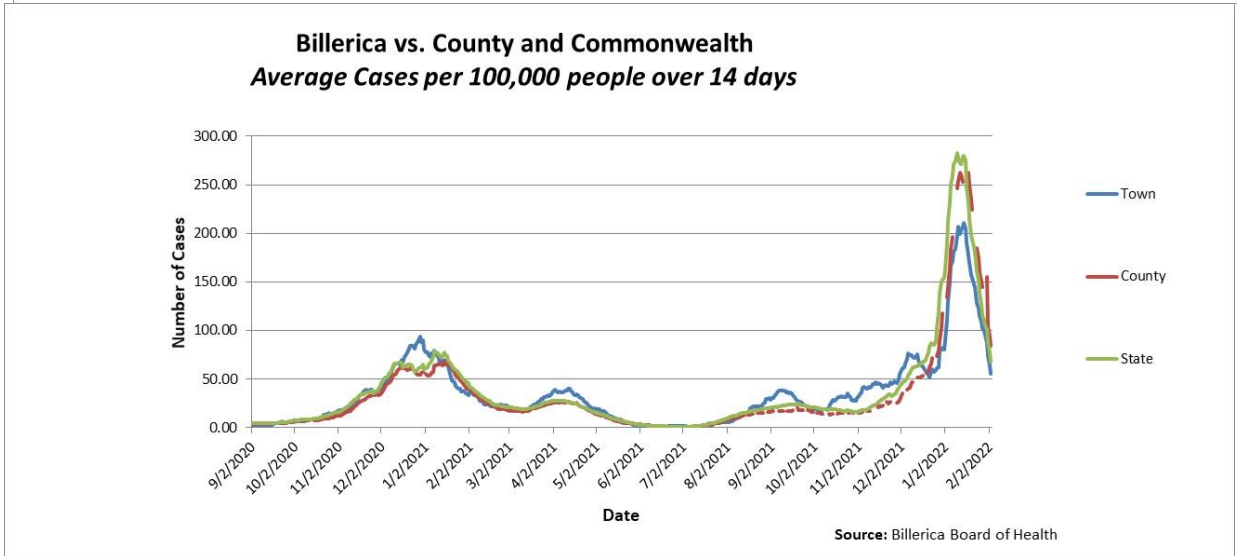
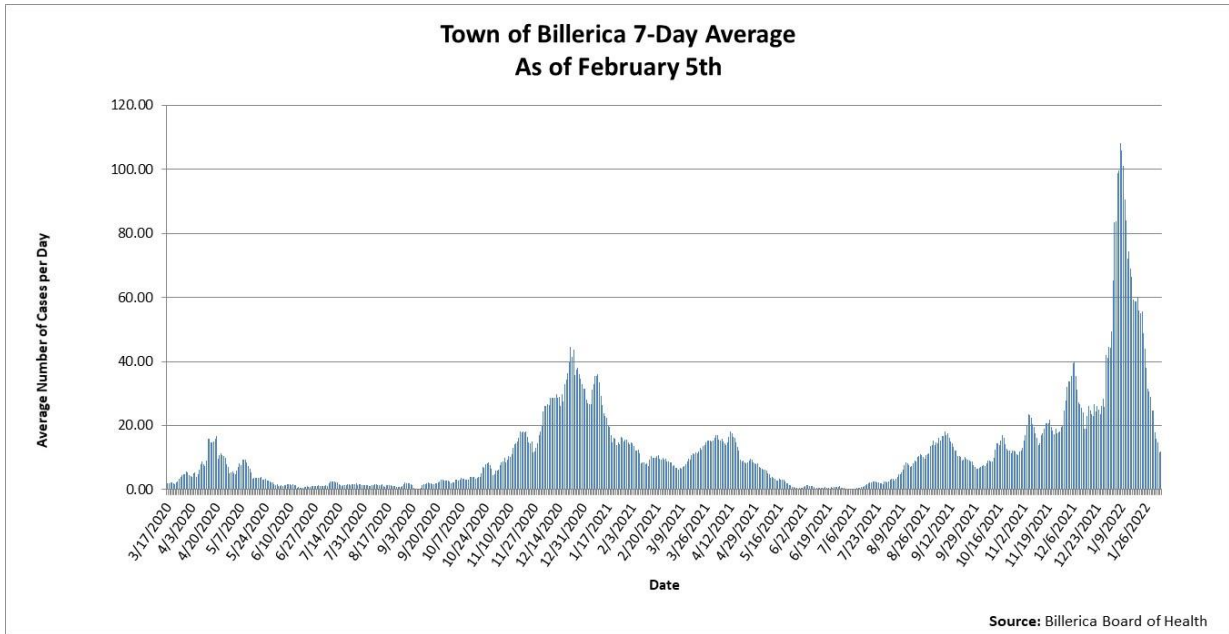
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Select Board: All Town Employees  
**FROM:** John C. Curran, Town Manager  
**CC:** Clancy Main, Assistant Town Manager; Tim Piwowar, Superintendent; Kristel Bennett, BOH Director  
**SUBJECT:** Removal of Town Buildings Mask Policy  
**DATE:** February 8, 2022

The Town is seeing a steep drop in COVID 19 cases. The number of cases in the last 14 days dropped from 1,240 on January 14<sup>th</sup> to 289 on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Town currently has 72% of the Town fully vaccinated. 8,553 people out of 43,000 have been diagnosed with COVID to date. The Town positivity rate is 14.82%. The positivity rate has decreased over two consecutive weeks. There are 105 active cases in Billerica. The Town has had 3 deaths attributed to COVID over the last month for a total of 41 COVID deaths. The Town is seeing a significant downward trend in active cases. The peak was 1,218 cases on January 14<sup>th</sup> – today there are 105 active cases.

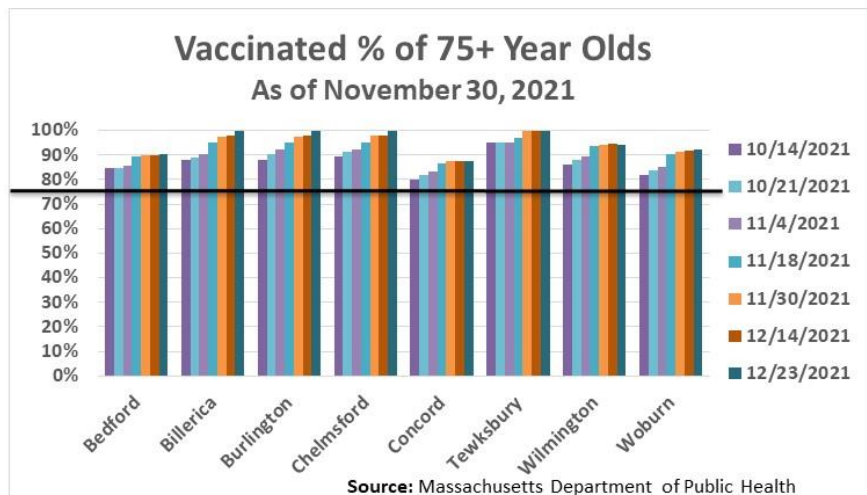


The seven-day average went from 108 cases per day down to 10.86 cases per day on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

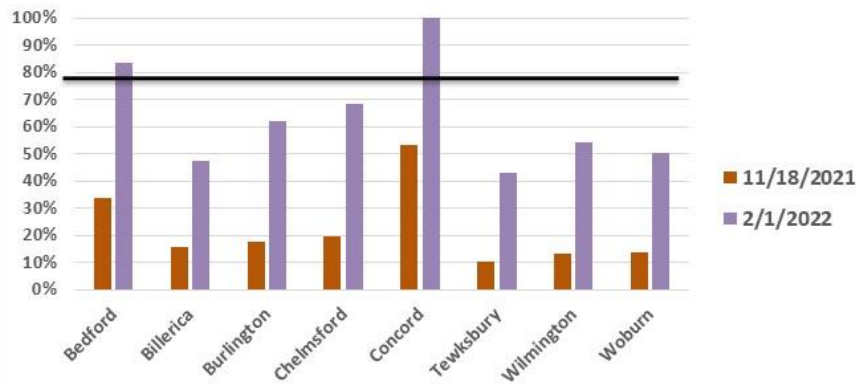


The Town is trending in the same directions as the rest of the county and the Commonwealth. While the Town is still classified as a “High Transmission” community it is definitely trending away from this classification.

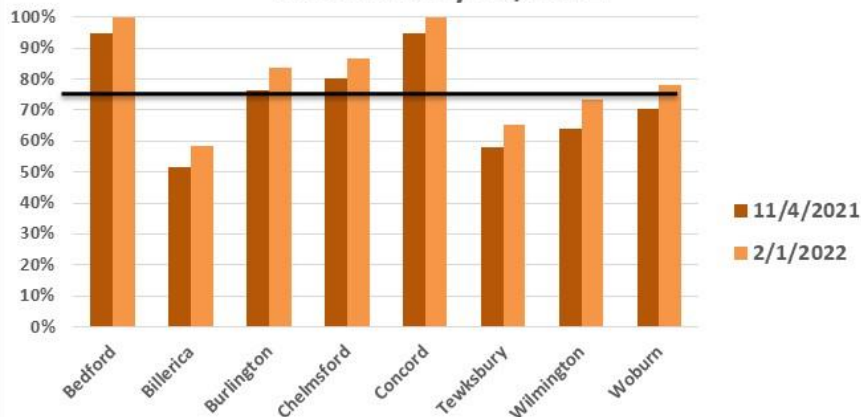
Overall, the vaccination rate is still slightly lower than surrounding communities, but the fully vaccinated rate is 72%. The populations that need work are the 5-11 year old and the 12-19 year old children. These populations are well below 75%.



## Vaccinated % of 5-11 Year Olds As of January 18, 2022



## Vaccinated % of 12-15 Year Olds As of January 18, 2022



Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health



|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Long Term Care Facilities      | 181               |
| Middlesex House of Corrections | 209               |
| Health Care Workers            | 137               |
| Apartment Complexes            | 663               |
| Deaths                         | 39                |
| Active Cases                   | 105               |
| Recovered Cases                | 8,409             |
| Total Cases to Date            | 8,553             |
| Cases per 100,000              | 42.23             |
| Seven Day Case Average         | 10.86             |
| Number of Cases last 14 days   | 249               |
| Positivity Rate                | 14.82%            |
| Billerica Status               | High Transmission |
| Vaccination Rate (1+ shot)     | 80%               |
| Vaccination Rate (2+ shots)    | 72%               |
| Boosted                        | 35%               |
| Break through % since July     | 33%               |
| Current Hospitalizations       | 0                 |
| 7 Day Cumulative per 100K      | 180               |

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Source: Billerica Board of Health

Accordingly, it is no longer mandated that masks are worn in Town Buildings. It is recommended that individuals with a compromised immune system and non-vaccinated individuals continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. It is also recommended that people participating in large indoor meetings or gatherings consider wearing masks. This mandate is removed effective on 12:00PM February 8, 2022.

The Board of Health has also downgraded the overall Town Mask Mandate to an advisory to wear masks effective at 12:00PM on February 8, 2022.