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Dear Community Partner,

The number of new cases in St. Louis County continues to drop - just 46 new confirmed COVID cases in the last week. (Total 18,098). Sadly, one more death has occurred – an individual in their early 50s, bringing our death toll now to 311.

Vaccine updates:

As of June 8, a total of 110,299 people in St. Louis County have received their first dose of a vaccine; and 102,198 people have completed their series. Our percentage of people age 16+ who've received at least one dose is now 64.6%. Statewide, 65.5% are vaccinated. The goal remains 70%.

<u>Here's where you can find vaccine data</u> by county or for the full state. Note that there's always a slight delay in vaccine reporting due to the time it takes to validate and process the data.

Other updates/resources you may find helpful:

- MDH just put out a reminder that the vaccine card is for your own record. The State of Minnesota will not require proof of vaccination for events such as traveling, concerts, or other activities. But if you've lost your card and find yourself in a situation that does require you to show proof of vaccination, <u>here's where to request record of it</u>.
- Guide to less risky activities: If you're fully vaccinated, you've already taken the most important step to reduce your risk of getting/spreading COVID-19. But <u>here's a new guide from MDH</u> highlighting which activities are safest and which are not.
- Share your thoughts anonymously about the COVID-19 vaccines. We're conducting a nonscientific survey looking for input from people: whether they were excited to get vaccinated, don't plan to get vaccinated, or fall somewhere in between. More importantly, we're asking their reasons why. We'd appreciate if you took the survey, and feel free to share, as well. <u>Vaccine Hesitancy Assessment Survey (surveymonkey.com)</u>

Because it's seeming there is less information to be sharing (and less need for it), we are going to cut back on the frequency of these updates to every other week. So watch for the next email on June 24. But in the meantime, know that I am still here and available to serve as a resource on any COVID/vaccination questions you may have. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!

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