As the school year winds down, planning is ramping up for end-of-the-year activities. Unfortunately, the rate of COVID spread is also increasing.

Sullivan County was recently classified at a High Community Level for COVID transmission, meaning transmission rates are severely elevated. As of May 10, there were no hospitalizations in the county, and hadn't been in a while, but we are seeing an increase in the number of positive cases.

We have not put any new restrictions in place, but encourage people to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines.

At the high level, CDC recommends people wear a mask indoors in public places, stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if symptoms appear. Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate any changes, if necessary.