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Dear Mountain Health Center patients,

We are writing to express appreciation for our local Covid-19 vaccination effort and to recommend that all of our patients get vaccinated. At this time, Vermont has the best vaccination rate in the country and Addison County has the best vaccination rate in Vermont. We have three safe and highly effective vaccines thanks to an incredible global scientific effort, and recent data shows that fully vaccinated Americans are very highly protected and have had a 99.99% chance of not getting Covid-19. Every person who has been vaccinated is helping to reduce the ability of the virus to spread and infect others. And, those of us who have been vaccinated can now safely get together with friends and family and not wear a mask in most settings.

We are proud of the progress we have made in defeating Covid-19, but we have more work to do. Our national vaccination effort is now limited by the large number of people who are saying “no” to the vaccine. As a result, scientists are now giving up on the US getting rid of Covid-19. That might be acceptable some places, but it is NOT acceptable to us for Vermont or for our community. The right number of daily Covid-19 cases to see later this summer and next winter is zero.

We have vaccines that are approved for everyone ages 12 and up. They are widely available locally. To sign up for an appointment or find a walk-in clinic, go to the Vermont Department of Health website at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov), call the Department of Health at 855-722-7878. We are also happy to help and can be reached at 802-453-5028. We realize there has been a lot of misinformation about the vaccines, and we would love to have a conversation if you have questions or concerns.

We have been a model across the country in confronting the pandemic and taking care of one another. Let’s keep raising the bar for others to reach for.

Thank you,

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