

I do not think the county should have COVID-19 reopening based on the percentage of vaccinated residents. It should be based on the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. One would think that if more people are getting the vaccine then we should see a decrease in the number of new cases and hospitalizations. That is not necessarily the case. Not everyone wants the vaccine and children 16 and under are still not able to get the vaccine. COVID-19 could start to infect more children and those who decide not to get the vaccine/have not received the vaccine yet. I think the best way to gauge reopening is to look at the number of new cases and hospitalizations. We should not assume that just because more people are vaccinated that will automatically translate to less Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations.

Sincerely,

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