Has it really been 10 months since the start of the coronavirus pandemic? It seems like so long ago. On the island, so far, through your diligence, we have managed to keep the number of cases low. Yet so many communities across the state and across the nation have experienced incredible loss.

The toll this pandemic is taking on healthcare providers, on families and friends of those who have become ill and tragically, those who have lost their lives, as well as the disruptions to our economy, are immense. And yet, the new year brings new hope. With the slow rollout of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, there are now more people in the state who have received their first dose of a COVID vaccine than there are who have contracted the virus.

As we say farewell to 2020 and welcome in the new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for all of our essential and frontline workers–our healthcare providers and first responders, our teachers, our store owners, clerks, and attendants, and public transport providers—all of our workers who interface with the public each and every day so the rest of us can go about our lives with relative ease. Thank you. And lastly, many thanks to all of you–our fellow community members–who have rallied and done what you do best–take care of one another. To each and every one of you, we wish you a very Happy New Year. –Vinalhaven Public Health Team

State Updates

As of December 30, 2020 there were 12,480 active cases reported in the state (an increase of 5,168 cases since our 12-18-20 Update) and 24,201 total cumulative cases statewide. Currently there are 171 active cases in Knox county (an increase of 71 cases since our 12-18-20 Update). The state’s positivity rate is 5.43%. See COVID-19 data on the Knox Hub website knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com

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