

August 2021 COVID-19 update

Oh dear, we had all gotten comfortable in the improving infection numbers nationwide and now our infections are climbing again with the rapid spread of the Delta variant of Covid-19. I know I have seen lines at the pharmacy of people waiting to get their vaccine this week and hopefully that will continue. In the meantime, I am concerned about the members of our communities who are not able to get the vaccine for any of a number of reasons, allergies, age, other health problems.

In light of the current positive test rates in Hart County and current CDC guidelines we have decided that for the time being we are going back to wearing our masks in our store and in other public spaces. We invite all of you to do the same and help bring the infection rate back down.

We continue to take precautions in the store, using the best air filters we can, washing hands, keeping the store clean and maintaining distance. John and I have had this virus and want to encourage everyone to do everything you can to avoid getting it.

We still have mask making materials available including elastic and filter fabric so if you do choose to continue wearing a mask due to health concerns, autoimmune disorders or simply want to avoid getting other viruses like the common cold and the flu, we are ready for you. While we are no longer in the mask making business every day we are also still happy to put one together for you or a family member with your choice of our fabrics for \$5.

Remember:

- Stay home if you are not feeling well (we will too),
- Wear a mask if you are not vaccinated or have other underlying health problems that make this virus more dangerous for you, or are in groups where you don't know the vaccination status of those around you,
- Keep washing your hands,
- Maintain a 6' distance from those around you whenever possible,
- Take care of yourself and your families, get outside, take a walk or do something fun for yourself.

Everyone do all you can to stay healthy and we can't wait for the time we can get together for a big party, with NO masks.

Annie