

The Big Muddy Folk Festival strongly encourages wearing masks if it will reduce a person's individual risk. Be thoughtful and careful as necessary. Covid is still out there, even though local numbers are low currently. Do a test if you have any symptoms before coming and wear a mask if it will help your risk situation.

I tested positive 10 days after getting my second booster shot and spending a weekend mostly indoors with 25 people who all were vaccinated. We didn't wear masks. My symptoms are like that of a mild cold.

The CDC says to isolate for five days once the fever is gone, if there is one, and then five days after that wear a mask if among people. Since then I can benefit from the highest level of immunity for at least three to six months. Vaccination didn't prevent us from getting Covid, but surely kept me from serious illness, hospitalization or death. Masking could very well have been more effective during my weekend. Now, however, I have little reason to wear a mask because of the very low possibility of contracting or spreading the virus, but for other people it makes very good sense.

Although, no proof of tests or masks are required for attendance, the story admonition is clear, as well as, one's responsible personal choice.