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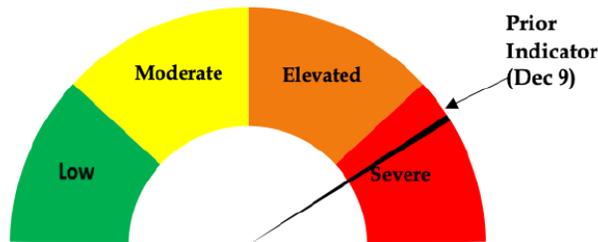
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## Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, December 16, 2021. The risk dial remains in the red “Severe” level of risk.



**Risk Dial for COVID-19  
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- 315 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between December 8 - December 14. Over 12% of all tests recorded in the district are positive. Rising positivity rates combined with a drop in overall number of new positive cases seems to indicate wider use of other testing equipment (eg: home testing kits). Holdrege city in particular saw a dramatic increase in positivity rate in the last week.
- Today marks one year since first delivery of COVID vaccines to the district. As of Wednesday morning, about 51% of the total population of TRPHD has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. TRPHD has publicly announced 175 deaths due to COVID-19 in the district, almost 70% of these among persons aged 70 years and over
- As of Wednesday morning, there were 4 available ICU beds in TRPHD . 13 out of 17 patients who are on ventilator support across the district have an active COVID diagnosis. Med/Surg bed availability is less than 30% across the district currently.
- A public COVID testing site is now open in Kearney city at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Testing results are available the same day and are offered Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM - 12:30PM. Those desirous of COVID testing are required to register at <https://login.registermytime.com/tw/2rphd> for scheduling.
- As of Dec 12, 2021, over half of TRPHD’s total population had received at least one dose, and 49% had received minimum doses as recommended (1 or 2 as indicated), compared to 64% of the entire state population. TRPHD strongly urges all unvaccinated vaccine eligible residents to avail of the COVID vaccination through their healthcare provider, pharmacy or TRPHD. For schedule of vaccination clinics, see <https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html>
- For these reasons, the risk dial is raised from last week in the ‘severe’ (red) zone. The dial reading reflects drastically reduced ICU availability, higher hospitalization rates and persistently high test positivity rates across TRPHD.

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