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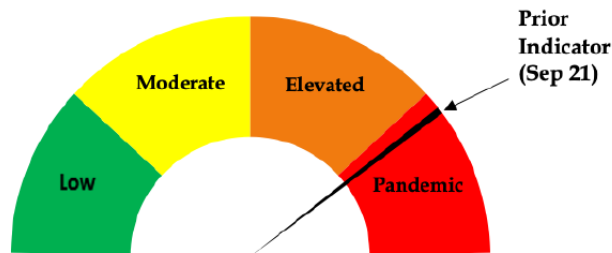
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Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, September 30, 2021. The risk dial remains in the red “Pandemic” level of risk.



**Risk Dial for COVID-19
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- 313 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between September 22-28. Since mid-August, about 3000 tests have been conducted in TRPHD per week on an average, about 10% of those tests were positive.
- Weekly COVID case counts in Holdrege are 3.5 times that recorded a month previously. 27% of all COVID cases recorded in the city of Holdrege in 2021 were recorded in September.
- There are 30 adult and 1 pediatric COVID-related hospitalizations; additionally, 4 adults and 1 pediatric patient are under investigation for COVID-related hospitalization. About 28% of staffed hospital beds are currently available across TRPHD. Staffed ICU beds in TRPHD have dropped to 28, a one-third drop from the average available number of ICU beds in 2020.
- Hospitals report continuing pressure on inpatient services. Across TRPHD, there are 5 COVID patients currently on ventilator support and 10 admitted in ICU.
- Smaller outbreaks in counties other than Buffalo and Dawson seem to be driving the newly detected cases in TRPHD. Phelps county in particular has seen an outbreak of cases in the past 2 weeks, especially among under 30-year-olds.
- As of Sep 28, 2021, 45% of TRPHD’s total population and almost 56% of the adult population (18+ years) has been fully vaccinated across the district. 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 www.trphd.org
- For these reasons, the risk dial is unchanged from last week and remains in the ‘pandemic’ zone. The dial level reflects the weekly incidence and positivity rates, dramatically constrained medical/surgical bed availability and ICU utilization rates, insufficient testing and contact tracing among high rates of COVID hospitalizations in the district.

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