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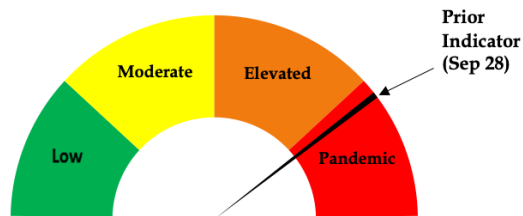
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Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, October 7, 2021. The risk dial remains in the red “Pandemic” level of risk. Due to technical issues, the full report will be placed on the website Friday, October 8, 2021.



Risk Dial for COVID-19
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- 292 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between September 29- October 5. Weekly cases across TRPHD dropped to zero in mid-June. Since then, about 2700 positive tests have been detected across TRPHD, over a third of those were reported in the past three weeks.
- One out of every 9 COVID tests in Buffalo or Dawson counties in the past month was positive, over 43% of those among residents aged less than 30 years. Currently, no pediatric patients are hospitalized due to COVID.
- There are 23 adult COVID-related hospitalizations currently across TRPHD. Additionally, 3 pediatric patients are being monitored following COVID-related hospitalization. Only 15% of ICU beds are currently available across TRPHD, almost 40% of ICU beds in use are occupied by COVID patients.
- Hospitals report continuing pressure on inpatient services. Medical/ Surgical bed availability is about 45% across all hospitals in the district. Across TRPHD, 6 out of the 8 ventilators currently in use are for COVID patients.
- Starting October 11th, a new public COVID testing site will be open in Kearney city at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Testing results will be available the same day and are offered Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM - 12:30PM. Those desirous of COVID testing are requested register at <https://login.registertime.com/tw/2rphd> for scheduling.
- As of Oct 5, 2021, 45% of TRPHD’s total population and almost 57% of the adult population (18+ years) has been fully vaccinated. 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 has stayed in the red pandemic zone for three weeks now, reflecting weekly incidence and positivity rates, strained in-patient capacity and ICU utilization rates, and incomplete contact tracing and high rates of COVID hospitalizations in the district.

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