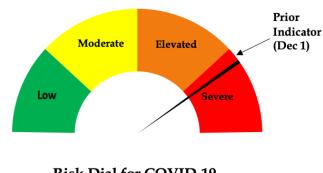


Risk Dial Dec 9, 2021



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- As of Dec 8, 2021, over half of TRPHD's total population had received at least one dose, and 48% had received minimum doses as recommended (1 or 2 as indicated), compared to over 63% 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 www.trphd.org
- 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 TPHD.



Weekly report Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2021

<u>Overview</u>

The weekly report will look at COVID-19 cases in TRPHD across different time periods, presenting graphs showing daily progress of cases and a weekly summary in conclusion

- The tables describe vaccination, total tests conducted and positive cases across TRPHD from Dec 1 Dec 7 (1 week) and Nov 9 Dec 7 (4 weeks). We describe new cases by age, gender and county of residence, and present weekly and monthly test positivity rates. We describe cases in residential facilities separately from tests in hospitals, & pharmacies¹. Vaccination rates refer to persons who have received the minimum recommended dose.
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- The second set of graphs look at the progress of the pandemic from **April 1, 2020 Dec 7, 2021** across all counties.
 - We describe the **7-day rolling average** ² of positive cases across TRPHD since April, describing overall progress and cases by **age categories**
- The third set of graphs describe the COVID test positivity rate in TRPHD from March 15, 2020 December 7, 2021. The graph is modified to show residential, non-residential and overall positivity rates separately. ^{1,3}
- The fourth set of graphs describe the daily case average (7-day rolling) across towns and cities in three urban areas (**Kearney, Lexington, Holdrege**) (Jul 1, 2020- Dec 7, 2021) ⁴
 - The cities described are Kearney, Elm Creek, Pleasanton, Amherst, Riverdale, Gibbon, Shelton and Axtell (total 39,412 people), Lexington, Overton, Elwood, Johnson Lake and Cozad (total 15,700 people), Holdrege, Loomis and Funk (total 5967 people).
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 Progress is described by age & county of residence.

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¹ For information on residential facilities, please see appendix 3

² 7-day rolling average refers to the sum of the cases reported on that day and the preceding 6 days divided by 7.

This number is presented for each day to 'smooth out' the line for cases.

³ For information on "average positivity rate", please see appendix 2

⁴ For information on urban areas, please see appendix 5

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Testing & Vaccination Overview

- As of Dec 7, 2021, about 60% of the total population of Two Rivers Health District has been tested at least once for COVID-19. Almost 200,000 COVID tests have been conducted since March 1, 2020 and about 16,000 persons have tested positive at least once – over 800 have tested COVID positive more than once.⁵ TRPHD has publicly notified 171 deaths due to COVID-19 across the district.
- As of Dec 5, 2021, 48.1% of TRPHD's entire population has been fully vaccinated. ⁶ Details of vaccination rates by age in each of the seven counties in Two Rivers Health District is shown below. The legend for color codes used is also displayed. Percentages have been rounded off to the nearest whole number. Vaccines are currently available to all eligible residents aged 5 years and over.

	BUFFALO	DAWSON	FRANKLIN	GOSPER	HARLAN	KEARNEY	PHELPS	TRPHD
0-17 YRS	13%	15%	9%	9%	8%	16%	8%	13%
18-29 YRS	36%	50%	29%	37%	30%	43%	31%	39%
30-39 YRS	50%	56%	42%	35%	44%	43%	44%	50%
40-49 YRS	62%	59%	44%	53%	33%	68%	42%	58%
50-59 YRS	66%	61%	45%	48%	48%	54%	53%	60%
60-69 YRS	81%	79%	64%	68%	61%	77%	68%	77%
70-79 YRS	100%	88%	90%	62%	83%	83%	95%	93%
80+ YRS	94%	77%	77%	75%	58%	71%	78%	82%
ALL AGES	49%	50%	46%	46%	40%	49%	44%	48%

0% - 33%	Less than 1/3rd received 1 or 2 dose as recommended
34% - 49%	1/3rd to 1/2 received 1 or 2 dose as recommended
50%- 74%	1/2 to 3/4ths received 1 or 2 dose as recommended
75% & higher	Over 3/4ths received 1 or 2 dose as recommended

• How to read this table: (For eg.) : "56% of Dawson county residents in their 30s have received the minimum recommended vaccine dose (2 for Moderna & Pfizer; 1 for Janssen) However only 35% of 30-40 year-olds in Harlan county have received minimum recommended dose."

⁶ For information on vaccine-eligible population in each of the counties, please see appendix 4

⁵ Note: Data collection limitations (recording of different first names, alternate spellings, unrecorded or delayed antigen test results) hamper an exact count of measures like total persons tested, or number of distinct positive cases.



- The table below provides details of positive cases detected in 7 counties in TRPHD in the past week (**Dec 1 Dec 7**) and past 4 weeks (**Nov 9 Dec 7**).
- Results are described by the site where tests were conducted, and include both antigen and PCR tests.

	Dec 1 – Dec 7 (1 week)			Nov 9 – Dec 7 (4 weeks)		
	Total	Positive	Positivity	Total	Positive	Positivity
	Tests	Results	Rate	Tests	Results	Rate
Hospital/ Clinic	1023	229	22.4%	3,827	938	24.5%
State	7	4	57.1%	20	7	35.0%
Laboratory						
Residential	1,765	8	0.5%	7,186	43	0.6%
Facility						
Lab/ Pharmacy	44	5	11.4%	367	84	22.9%
Other	398	99	24.9%	1,981	380	19.2%
TOTAL	3,237	345	10.7%	13,381	1,452	10.9%

• A total of 7186 tests were availed by residents and staff of long-term care and other **residential facilities** ⁷ in the last 4 weeks, and were almost all antigen tests. Details are provided below:

	Dec 1 – Dec 7 (1 week)			Nov 9 – Dec 7 (4 weeks)		
	Total	Positive	Positivity	Total Tests	Positive	Positivity
Residential	Tests	Results	Rate		Results	Rate
Facility In:						
Buffalo	734	2	0.3%	3,126	19	0.6%
Dawson	229	3	1.3%	1,085	6	0.6%
Franklin	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Gosper	130	1	0.8%	476	2	0.4%
Harlan	68	1	1.5%	286	2	0.7%
Kearney	192	1	0.5%	246	1	0.4%
Phelps	322	0	0.0%	1,646	9	0.5%
Outside TRPHD	90	0	0.0%	321	4	1.2%
TOTAL	1765	8	0.5%	7,186	43	0.6%

• How to read this table: (For eg.) : "In the past week, almost 30% of tests conducted in hospitals and clinics across TRPHD were positive. In the past month, 18 positive COVID results were reported among staff and residents of residential facilities (mostly long-term living) in Buffalo county, and 51 in Dawson county."

⁷ For information on residential facilities, please see appendix 3
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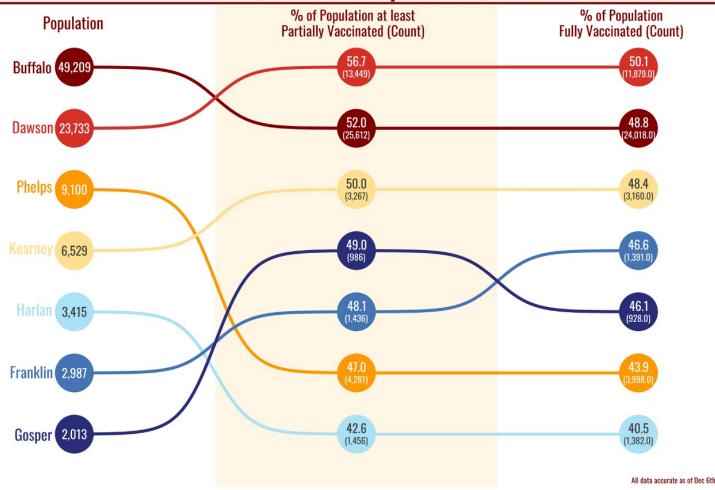
• Non-routine testing refers to tests that are <u>not</u> conducted in residential and long-term living facilities. ⁸ These COVID tests are conducted mainly in hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. Details are provided below.

	Dec 1 – Dec 7 (1 week)			Nov 9 – Dec 7 (4 weeks)		
	Total tests	Positive	P. rate	Total tests Positive		P. rate (%)
	conducted	cases	(%)	conducted	cases	
County						
Buffalo	952	195	20.5%	3,940	821	20.8%
Dawson	281	69	24.6%	982	255	26.0%
Franklin	26	10	38.5%	74	24	32.4%
Gosper	19	6	31.6%	54	19	35.2%
Harlan	18	6	33.3%	89	20	22.5%
Kearney	61	16	26.2%	291	65	22.3%
Phelps	107	33	30.8%	733	200	27.3%
Data	8	2	25.0%	32	5	15.6%
missing/ not						
disclosed						
Total	1,472	337	22.9 %	6,195	1,409	22.7%
Age (in yrs)						
0-17	284	37	13.0%	1246	191	15.3%
18-29	279	60	21.5%	1177	226	19.2%
30-39	203	56	27.6%	894	231	25.8%
40-49	172	44	25.6%	691	189	27.4%
50-59	187	51	27.3%	720	193	26.8%
60-69	177	50	28.2%	673	178	26.4%
70-79	108	20	18.5%	445	119	26.7%
80-89	62	19	30.6%	349	81	23.2%
Total	1472	337	22.9 %	6,195	1408	22.7%
Gender						
Female	833	177	21.2%	3,589	738	20.6%
Male	634	156	24.6%	2,593	664	25.6%
Data	5	4	80.0%	13	7	53.8%
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disclosed						
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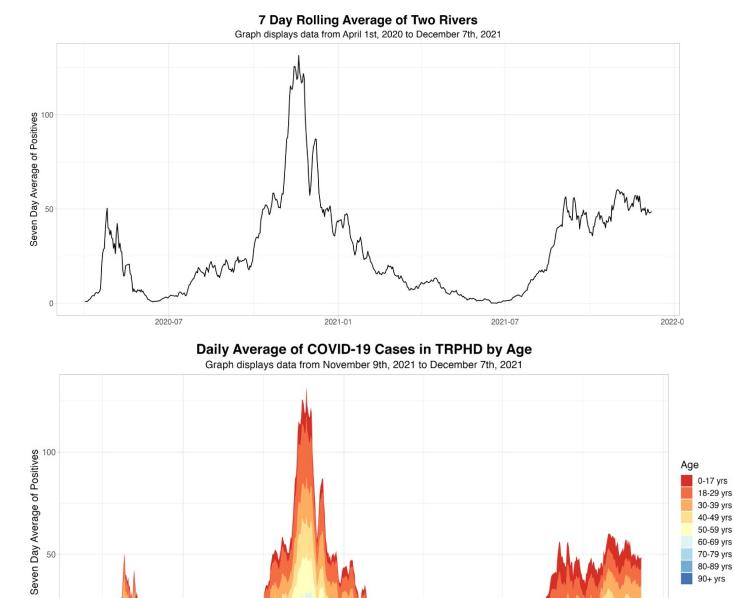
- The graph below describes **all TRPHD residents who are fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 between **December 15, 2020 – December 5, 2021**. All residents of the seven counties are included although the vaccine is currently available only to those 5 years or over.
- Each county is depicted by a colored circle, and the relative position of each corresponds to the proportion vaccinated. Actual numbers (count) are included in parenthesis.
- Overall, 48.1% of TRPHD's total population and 60% of all adult residents (18 years and over) have received the minimum prescribed dose of vaccine (2 for Pfizer, Moderna, 1 for Janssen).

Vaccinations of Total Population in TRPHD





- The graph below describes 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 across TRPHD from April 1, • 2020 - Dec 7, 2021.
- The second graph describes 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases by age across TRPHD • for the same time period. The height of the graph corresponds to total cases and the thickness of each colored band corresponds to each age group.



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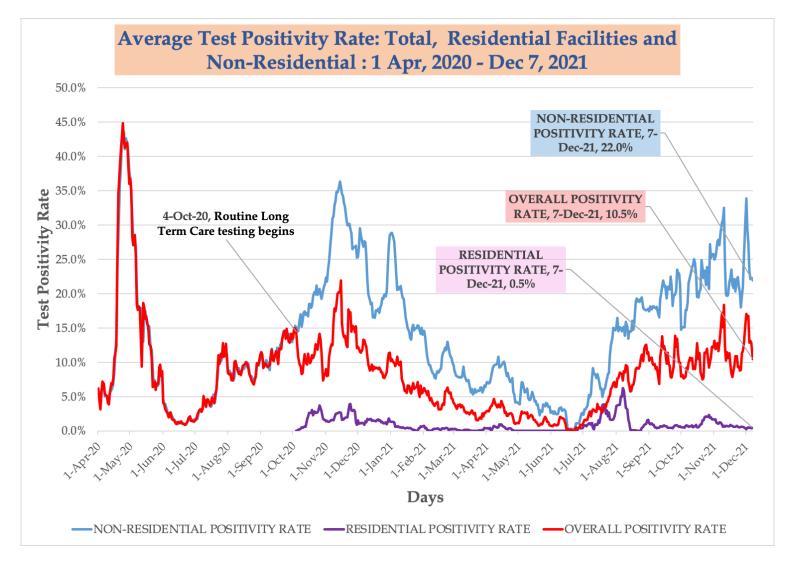
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- The graphs below describe the average **test positivity rate (7-day rolling average)**⁹ in TRPHD from **April 1, 2020 December 7, 2021.** The graph depicts the entire county including Buffalo, Dawson, Phelps, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan and Kearney counties.
- Graph describes all tests (overall positivity rate), those conducted **in residential facilities**, and those conducted outside residential facilities in the last 17 months ¹⁰
- Graph may be read thus (for eg): "In the week Dec 1 Dec 7, **10.5**% **of all COVID tests** conducted in TRPHD was positive; **22**% **of all tests** excluding long term care and other residential facilities was positive."



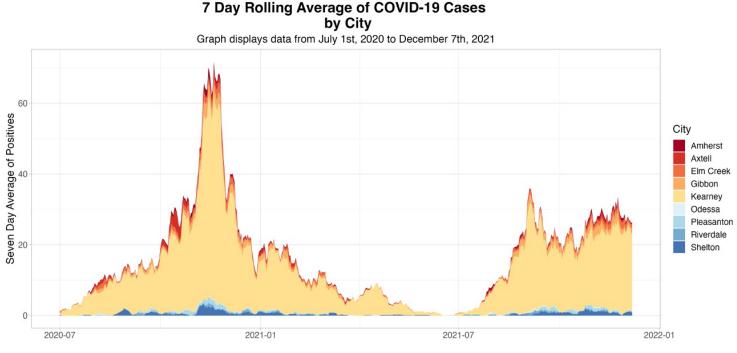
⁹ For description of average positivity rate, see appendix 1

¹⁰ For information on residential facilities, please see appendix 3

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- The following graphs describe the average **daily COVID cases (7-day rolling)** in three urban areas in Two Rivers Health Department.
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- Time considered is from July 1, 2020 Dec 7, 2021. Scales are different for all three graphs
- The graph for Kearney city and surrounding areas is presented below.

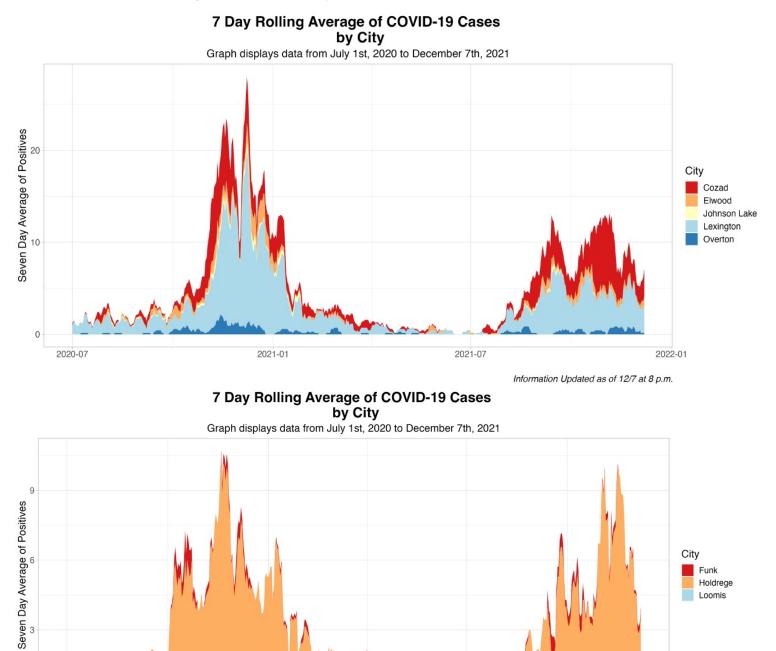


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 ¹¹ For details about each of the urban areas, please see appendix 5
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The daily average (7-day rolling) of positive cases in Lexington and Holdrege cities and surrounding towns between July 1, 2020 – Dec 7, 2021 are presented below.



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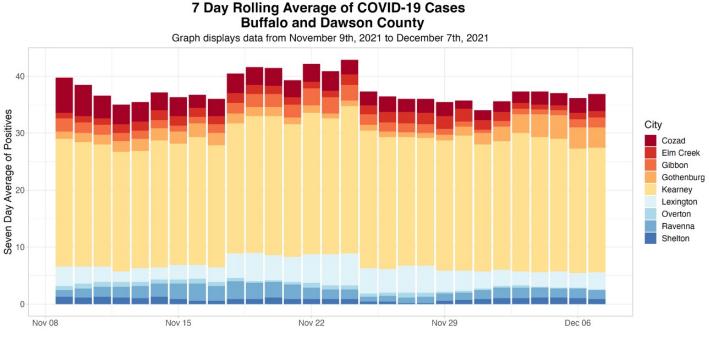
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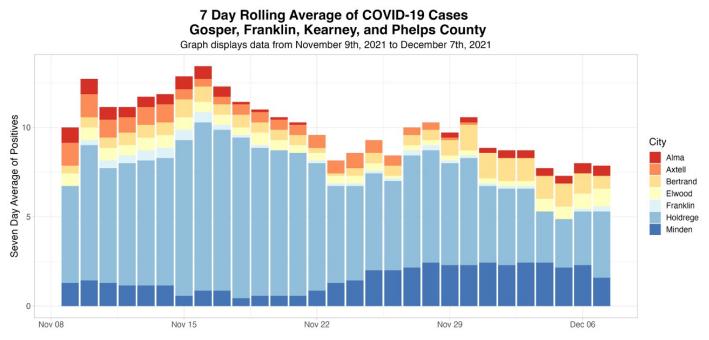
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• The following bar graphs describes the 7-day rolling averages by <u>city</u> for the past four weeks (Nov 9 – Dec 7) in TRPHD. The graph above shows cities in **Buffalo and Dawson** counties and the one below shows the graph for cities in **Gosper, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps** counties. <u>The scale is different for both graphs</u>.



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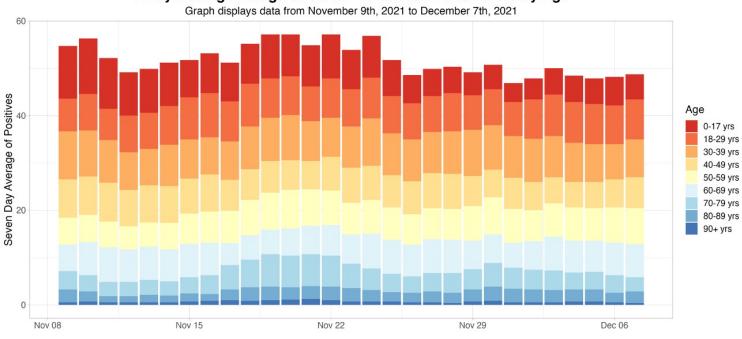
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• The graph below describes the **7-day rolling average** of cases from **Nov 9 – Dec 7** by age. The height of the graph corresponds to total cases and the thickness of each colored band corresponds to each age group.



7 Day Rolling Average of COVID-19 Cases in Two Rivers by Age

Information Updated as of 12/7 at 8 p.m.



Weekly summary

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APPENDIX 1



Background

The Two Rivers Public Health Department (TRPHD) covers 7 counties in central Nebraska, reaching 97,132 people who live and work in the health district spread across roughly 4663 square miles. Over three quarters of residents live in Buffalo and Dawson county, a tenth live in Phelps county, and the remaining 15% is spread somewhat comparably among the four counties of Kearney, Harlan, Franklin and Gosper in decreasing order of population. The largest cities are Holdrege (pop. 5408), Lexington (pop. 10115) and Kearney (pop. 33867) meaning that well over half the residents of TRPHD live in three cities, and over a third are in Kearney alone. The population of all 7 counties in TRPHD are shown below.

County	Population
Buffalo	49,659
Dawson	23,595
Franklin	2,979
Gosper	1,990
Harlan	3,380
Kearney	6,495
Phelps	9,034
TRPHD total	97,132
Nebraska state	1,934,408
United States	328,239,523

- Data is presented as 7-day rolling averages for daily numbers and absolute counts for cumulative cases. The 7-day rolling average is the sum of all cases reported on that day plus the previous six divided by 7.
- Total (cumulative) cases refer to all COVID cases that have been confirmed by testing in the district since the beginning of the pandemic in TRPHD (March 19)
- All tests refers to all types of tests conducted across the Health District, including laboratory-based PCR and rapid antigen.
- Average positivity rate refers to a seven-day rolling average positivity rate, which is the sum of all cases for that day and the previous six divided by the sum of all tests done in that day and the previous six. This is also the same as the "weekly positivity rate"
- In cases that call for comparison across larger areas (counties v/s state of Nebraska, for eg), we present the count per 100,000 population. 100,000 roughly corresponds to the population of Two Rivers Health District (97,132)
- In cases that call for comparison between cities, (Kearney v/s Minden for eg), we present a count per 10,000 population. 10,000 roughly corresponds to the population of Lexington (10,115), the second largest city in TRPHD.
- Deaths due to COVID-19 are identified in death certificates (usually COVID -19 is the Underlying Cause of Death) and attested by the attending physician or medical examiner/ coroner. Each case is further investigated by TRPHD over telephone the next of kin is contacted, condolences conveyed and exit interviews conducted by Department staff before releasing a public notification. For further details on the procedure for COVID-



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• For calculation, we use the 2019 mid- year census estimate (American Community Survey, ACS) and data from The Atlantic's COVID tracking project (https://covidtracking.com/data)

APPENDIX 2

Total (cumulative) cases per 100,000 population

The total/ cumulative case counts are the **total** cases confirmed by testing in an area (county, city, state or health district) calculated from the first recorded case (in case of TRPHD this is March 19, 2020). This is expressed as a fraction of the total population of the area and standardized to 100,000 persons. A population of 100,000 is used to compare counties as it is comparable to the overall population of Two Rivers Health District (97,032).

Total (cumulative) cases / 100,000 persons is calculated as:

[(Total positive test results for residents in the region)] / (mid-year population) * 100,000

Daily average of cases per 100,000 population

The daily average (7-day rolling) of cases is the sum of all cases reported on that day plus the previous six divided by 7. This is expressed as a fraction of the total population of the area and standardized to 100,000 persons. A population of 100,000 is used to compare counties as it is comparable to the overall population of Two Rivers Health District (97,032).

Daily average of cases / 100,000 persons is calculated as:

[(7-day rolling average of cases among residents)] / (mid-year population) * 100,000

APPENDIX 3

About a third of all tests conducted since March in the district have been availed by residents or staff of residential facilities. "Residential facilities" include long-term care facilities, in-patient psychiatry services, retirement villages, veterans' homes and correctional facilities within Two Rivers Health District.

Considering the specific nature of COVID risk of long-term residents of institutional facilities and taking into account the frequent testing performed at facilities, we present numbers separately for long term care facilities and others in the district.



APPENDIX 4

Vaccine-eligible population

The total COVID-19 vaccine-eligible population of Two Rivers Health District is about 81.000. This includes all residents over the age of 11 years living in the seven counties that make up the district. The table below describes the eligible population in each of the seven counties divided by age category.

	12-29 YRS	30-49 YRS	50-64 YRS	65+ YRS	TOTAL(12+YRS)
TRPHD	24,794	22863	17760	15799	81,216
BUFFALO	14,314	11910	8184	6863	41,271
DAWSON	5,750	5723	4334	3696	19,503
FRANKLIN	515	586	717	809	2,627
GOSPER	333	418	532	526	1,809
HARLAN	625	649	735	845	2,854
KEARNEY	1,385	1508	1343	1239	5,475
PHELPS	1,872	2069	1915	1821	7,677

Vaccines used in TRPHD

In the first phase, COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for use in all persons over the age of 16 years. Currently, Pfizer and Moderna vaccine formulations are being offered in Two Rivers Health District. Use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine formulation has been paused pending further scrutiny by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services paused use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine after Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations following reports of six women who have been hospitalized with severe blood clots after receiving the vaccine dose, including one woman in Douglas county. The women were aged between 18-48 years. Vaccine use was reinstated on April 26, 2021 and is now available at private pharmacies across the state.

To date, over 6.8 million doses of Janssen vaccine have been administered in the United States, over 31,500 in Nebraska, and 1560 in Two Rivers Health District.

Symptoms in the 6 hospitalized individuals included headache, back pain, other unexplained pain. Symptoms typically began 6-13 days after vaccination, and hospital admission was within 15 days, on average. More than 55% of the Janssen vaccine was administered before 22nd of March in Two Rivers Health District.



APPENDIX 5

Methods & Definitions

To better understand the course of the COVID-19 pandemic in Kearney, Lexington and Holdrege, we created 'urban areas' that included both the city and its surrounding towns. We included all towns within 20 miles of Kearney city, 15 miles of Lexington and 10 miles of Holdrege within each city's urban area. The respective populations of all 7 counties in TRPHD are shown below. Kearney city accounts for over third of the population of TRPHD.

County	Population
Buffalo	49209
Dawson	23733
Franklin	2987
Gosper	2013
Harlan	3415
Kearney	6529
Phelps	9100
TRPHD total	96986
Nebraska state	1,934,408

Thus "Kearney area" includes Kearney city as well as Elm Creek, Pleasanton, Amherst, Riverdale, Odessa, Gibbon, Shelton and Axtell.

"Lexington area" includes Lexington city as well as Overton, Johnson Lake and Cozad.

"Holdrege area" includes Holdrege city, Loomis and Funk.

The populations of cities and villages is described below. Also included are Minden and Gothenburg, used as comparison points in descriptive statistics about the area.

CITY	POPULATION
Kearney	33867
Elm Creek	949
Axtell	751
Pleasanton	359
Riverdale	179
Amherst	253
Gibbon	1869
Shelton	1055
Odessa	130
KEARNEY URBAN AREA (TOTAL)	39412
Lexington	10115
Overton	567
Johnson Lake	600



Elwood	683
Cozad	3735
LEXINGTON URBAN AREA (TOTAL)	15,700
Holdrege	5408
Funk	183
Loomis	376
HOLDREGE URBAN AREA (TOTAL)	5967
Gothenburg	3489
Minden	2890

For presenting data, we selected 3 time frames:

- a) April 1 current (From the beginning of the pandemic to most recent Tuesday)
- b) July 01 current (From the beginning of second sustained 'wave' in daily case counts to current)
- c) Previous 4 weeks
- Data is presented as 7-day rolling averages for daily numbers and absolute counts for cumulative cases. The 7-day rolling average is the sum of all cases reported on that day plus the previous six divided by 7.
- Cumulative cases refer to all cases that have been confirmed in the district since the beginning of the pandemic in TRPHD (March 19)
- Average positivity rate refers to a seven-day rolling average positivity rate, which is the sum of all cases for that day and the previous six divided by the sum of all tests done in that day and the previous six
 - Average positivity rate (in %) = (Sum of positive cases for current day + previous 6 days) / (Sum of total tests for current day + previous six days)
- In cases that call for comparison across larger areas (counties v/s state of Nebraska, for eg), we present the count per 100,000 population. 100,000 roughly corresponds to the population of Two Rivers Health District (97,132)
- In cases that call for comparison between cities, (Kearney v/s Minden for eg), we present a count per 10,000 population. 10,000 roughly corresponds to the population of Lexington (10,115), the second largest city in TRPHD.
- For calculation, we use the 2019 mid- year estimate (American Community Survey, ACS) and data from The Atlantic's COVID tracking project (<u>https://covidtracking.com/data</u>)