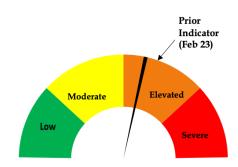


Risk Dial Mar 2, 2022



Risk Dial for COVID-19 Two Rivers Public Health Published Mar 3, 2022

- 46 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between February 23 March 1. Cases have dropped by 40% from the previous week, even as the total number of weekly COVID test has dropped by 50% compared to one month previously.
- Test positivity rate is under 10% in every age group, even those under 40 years. Test positivity rate is around 2% among those under age 40, the first time since July 2021.
- As of Mar 1, a little over 51% of the total population of TRPHD has received the minimum prescribed dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Rates of booster uptake have been brisk, 44% of persons vaccinated have received the booster dose of COVID vaccine. The risk of hospitalization or serious illness following infection is significantly higher for unvaccinated persons.
- As of Tuesday morning, there were 7 ICU beds available in TRPHD (out of 32 overall). Medical/surgical bed availability is around 24% across the district.
- TRPHD is announcing a location change from the prior testing location at Buffalo County Fairgrounds to the Two Rivers Public Health Department office at 516 W. 11th Street, Kearney starting Monday, March 7th, 2022. Testing will continue to be offered Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM – 11:00AM. Those interested are required to register at https://login.registermytime.com/tw/2rphd for scheduling.
- 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 lowered from last week in the 'elevated' (orange) zone. The dial reflects the continued drop in new COVID cases and falling test positivity rates, especially among younger residents, and consistent ICU bed availability across the district.



Weekly report Feb 23 - Mar 1, 2022

<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 Feb 23 Mar 1 (1 week) and Feb 1 Mar 1 (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.
- The first graphic describes **the vaccination rate of TRPHD residents by county of residence and age** between **Dec 15, 2020 – Mar 1, 2022**. We present the proportion of persons who have received the minimum recommended dose (2 for Pfizer & Moderna; 1 for Janssen vaccines)
- The second set of graphs look at the progress of the pandemic from **April 1**, **2020 March 1**, **2022** 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 daily number of negative and positive test results conducted outside residential facilities in TRPHD from **April 1, 2020 March 1, 2022**. ¹ The graph also shows the average **COVID test positivity rate** in TRPHD during this time 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- Mar 1, 2022) 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).
- The fifth set of graphs describe daily cases (7-day rolling average) from Feb 1 Mar 1, 2022.
 Progress is described by age & county of residence.

To conclude, 46 new COVID cases were detected in the Two Rivers area last week. Test positivity rate among residents less than 40 years has dropped to the lowest rate (2%) since July 2021. A little over half of TRPHD's population is fully vaccinated and almost 24% of the total population has received a booster dose. TRPHD has scheduled vaccination clinics across the district, schedule can be found at https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html. TRPHD is operating a public COVID testing site at the TRPHD office in Kearney 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays. Those eligible for vaccines or booster doses are advised to contact TRPHD or their physician or local pharmacy. To access services through Two Rivers health department, residents are required to visit www.trphd.org to register an appointment (for COVID testing). TRPHD vaccination clinics accept walk-in customers and will provide appropriate vaccine dose as indicated.

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 Mar 1, 2022, over 66% of the total population of Two Rivers Health District has been tested at least once for COVID-19. More than 236,000 COVID tests have been conducted since March 1, 2020 and almost 21,000 persons have tested positive at least once at least 1600 have tested COVID positive more than once.⁵ TRPHD has publicly notified 200 deaths due to COVID-19 across the district.
- As of Mar 1, 2022, 51.6% 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	19%	19%	11%	14%	10%	20%	12%	18%
18-29 YRS	39%	56%	30%	42%	31%	45%	35%	42%
30-39 YRS	53%	61%	44%	37%	46%	44%	48%	53%
40-49 YRS	65%	63%	49%	53%	34%	69%	45%	61%
50-59 YRS	68%	66%	47%	49%	48%	55%	56%	63%
60-69 YRS	83%	83%	66%	72%	63%	77%	68%	78%
70-79 YRS	100%	89%	91%	61%	85%	84%	96%	94%
80+ YRS	95%	78%	77%	76%	57%	70%	79%	83%
ALL AGES	52%	54%	48%	48%	42%	51%	47%	52%

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.) : "Over 60% of all TRPHD residents aged 40-49 years have received the minimum recommended vaccine dose (2 for Moderna & Pfizer; 1 for Janssen) However only 34% of all residents in their 40s 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 (Feb 23 Mar 1) and past 4 weeks (Feb 1 Mar 1).
- Results are described by the site where tests were conducted, and include both antigen and PCR tests.

	Feb 23 – Mar 1 (1 week)			Feb 1 – Mar 1 (4 weeks)		
	Total	Positive	Positivity	Total	Positive	Positivity
	Tests	Results	Rate	Tests	Results	Rate
Hospital/ Clinic	324	26	8.0%	1946	306	15.7%
State	31	1	3.2%	301	43	14.3%
Laboratory						
Residential	974	8	0.8%	8824	98	1.1%
Facility						
Lab/ Pharmacy	30	2	6.7%	181	42	23.2%
Other	203	9	4.4%	958	123	12.8%
TOTAL	1,562	46	2.9 %	12,210	612	5.0%

• A total of 10,705 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:

	Feb 23 – Mar 1 (1 week)			Feb 1 – Mar 1 (4 weeks)		
	Total	Positive	Positivity	Total Tests	Positive	Positivity
Residential	Tests	Results	Rate		Results	Rate
Facility In:						
Buffalo	618	4	0.6%	5506	52	0.9%
Dawson	146	2	1.4%	801	6	0.7%
Franklin	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Gosper	2	0	0.0%	129	1	0.8%
Harlan	5	0	0.0%	159	3	1.9%
Kearney	10	0	0.0%	460	4	0.9%
Phelps	148	2	1.4%	1525	28	1.8%
Outside TRPHD	45	0	0.0%	244	4	1.6%
TOTAL	974	8	0.8%	8,824	98	1.1%

• How to read this table: (For eg.) : "In the past week, 8% of tests conducted in hospitals and clinics across TRPHD were positive. In the past month, 16% of all tests in hospitals returned positive. The number of tests conducted last week was also 55% less than the previous month's average"

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.

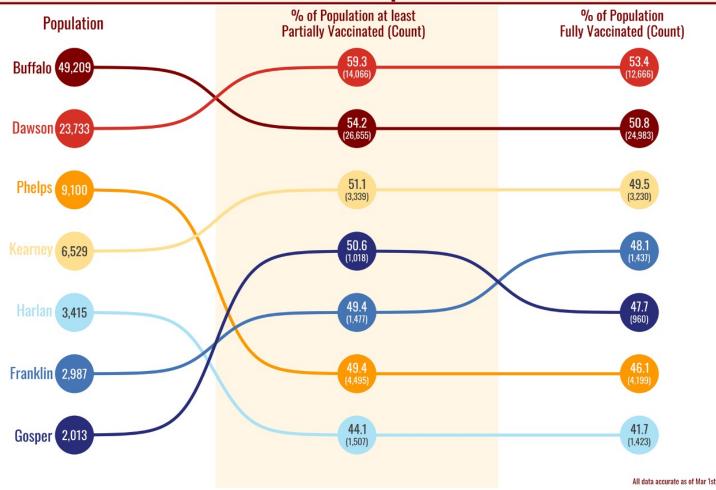
	Feb 23 – Mar 1 (1 week)			Feb 1 – Mar 1 (4 weeks)		
	Total tests	Positive	P. rate	Total tests	Positive	P. rate (%)
	conducted	cases	(%)	conducted	cases	
County						
Buffalo	415	21	5.1%	2,104	315	15.0%
Dawson	101	8	7.9%	792	91	11.5%
Franklin	12	2	16.7%	56	6	10.7%
Gosper	9	1	11.1%	45	12	26.7%
Harlan	6	2	33.3%	39	8	20.5%
Kearney	17	0	0.0%	115	23	20.0%
Phelps	26	4	15.4%	219	57	26.0%
Data	2	0	0.0%	16	2	12.5%
missing/ not						
disclosed						
Total	588	38	6.5%	3,386	514	15.2%
Age (in yrs)						
0-17	126	4	3.2%	610	75	12.3%
18-29	91	5	5.5%	616	88	14.3%
30-39	54	5	9.3%	413	75	18.2%
40-49	36	2	5.6%	307	47	15.3%
50-59	59	7	11.9%	407	86	21.1%
60-69	47	4	8.5%	334	62	18.6%
70-79	64	4	6.3%	312	48	15.4%
80-89	111	7	6.3%	387	33	8.5%
Total	588	38	6.5%	3,386	514	15.2%
Gender						
Female	353	23	6.5%	1,953	293	15.0%
Male	221	14	6.3%	1,308	211	16.1%
Data	14	1	7.1%	125	10	8.0%
missing/ not						
disclosed						
Total	588	38	6.5%	3,386	514	15.2%

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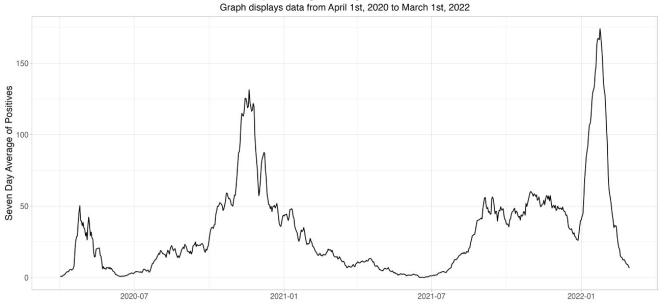
- The graph below describes **all TRPHD residents who are fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 between **December 15, 2020 – March 1, 2022**. All residents of the seven counties are included although the vaccine is currently available only to those 5 years or over.
- Each county is depicted by a colored circle, and the relative position of each corresponds to the proportion vaccinated. Actual numbers (count) are included in parenthesis.
- Overall, 52% of TRPHD's total population and 63% 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

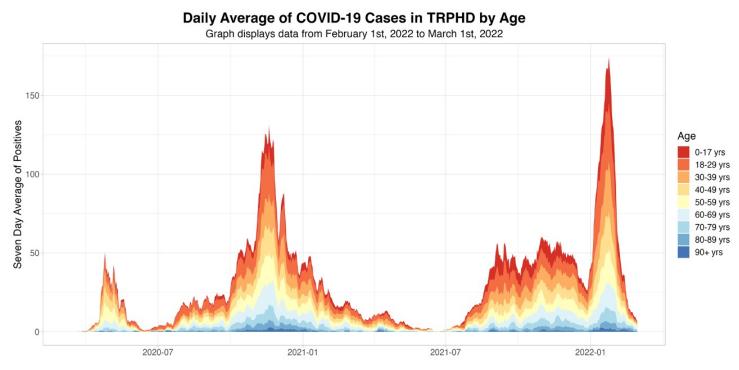




- The graph below describes 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 across TRPHD from April 1, • 2020 - Mar 1, 2022.
- The second graph describes 7-day rolling average of COVID-19 cases by age across TRPHD • for the same time period. The height of the graph corresponds to total cases and the thickness of each colored band corresponds to each age group.



7 Day Rolling Average of Two Rivers

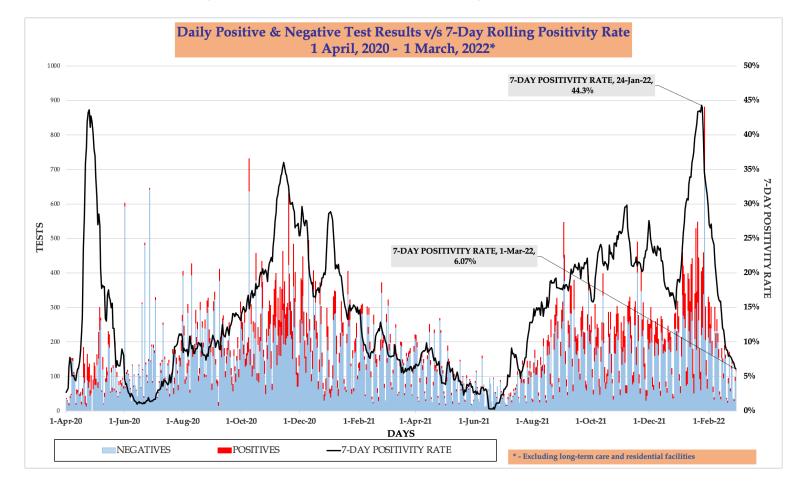


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- The graphs below describe the **daily COVID tests** in TRPHD from **April 1, 2020 March 1, 2022** further divided as **positive** or **negative**. It also describes the average **test positivity rate (7-day rolling average)**⁹ The graph depicts the entire district, ie Buffalo, Dawson, Phelps, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan and Kearney counties.
- The height of the bar graph represents the total tests conducted on that day. The running line graph tracks 7-day positivity rate among all tests <u>except</u> those conducted **in** residential facilities in the last 23 months ¹⁰.
- In the week Jan 19 Jan 25, **44**% **of COVID tests** outside residential facilities was positive. By the week of Feb 23 Mar 1, the positivity rate was **down to 6**%



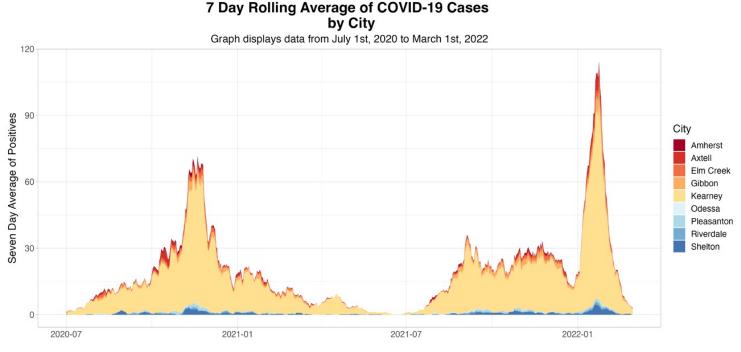
⁹ For description of average positivity rate, see appendix 1

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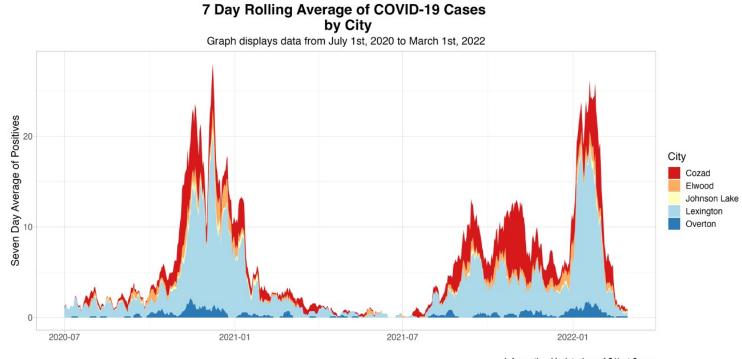
- The following graphs describe the average **daily COVID cases (7-day rolling)** in three urban areas in Two Rivers Health Department.
- The urban areas are Kearney city and surrounding towns (Kearney, Elm Creek, Pleasanton, Amherst, Riverdale, Gibbon, Shelton and Axtell - total 39,412 people), Lexington city and surrounding towns (Lexington, Overton, Elwood, Johnson Lake and Cozad – total 15,700 people), Holdrege city and surrounding towns (Holdrege, Loomis and Funk - total 5967 people). ¹¹
- Time considered is from July 1, 2020 Mar 1, 2022. Scales are different for all three graphs
- The graph for Kearney city and surrounding areas is presented below.



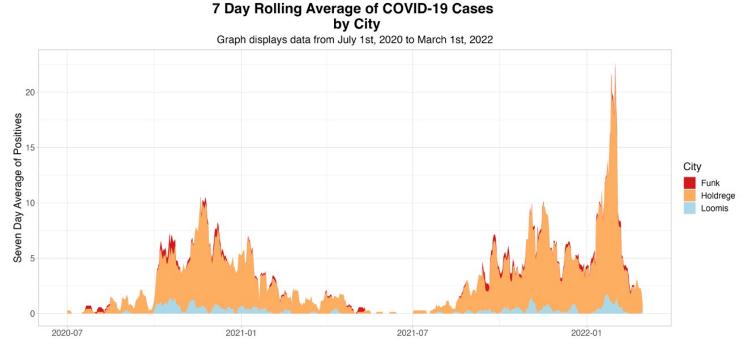
 ¹¹ For details about each of the urban areas, please see appendix 5
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• The **daily average (7-day rolling) of positive cases** in **Lexington** and **Holdrege** cities and surrounding towns between July 1, 2020 – Mar 1, 2022 are presented below.

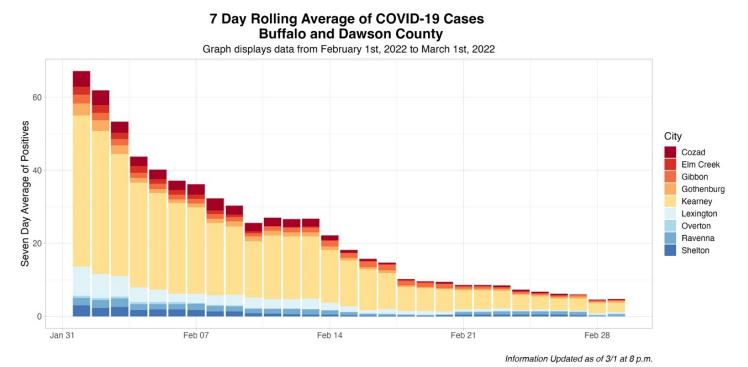


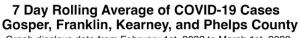
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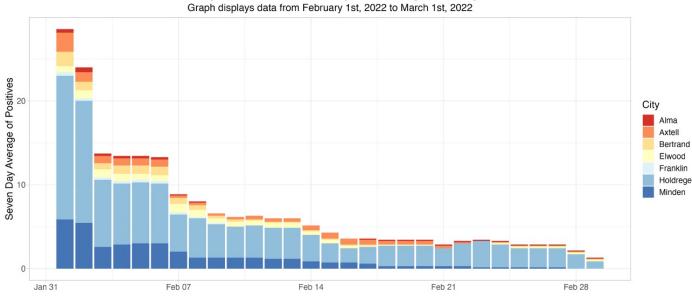




The following bar graphs describes the 7-day rolling averages by <u>city</u> for the past four weeks (Feb 1 – Mar 1) in TRPHD. The graph above shows cities in Buffalo and Dawson counties and the one below shows the graph for cities in Gosper, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps counties. <u>The scale is different for both graphs</u>.



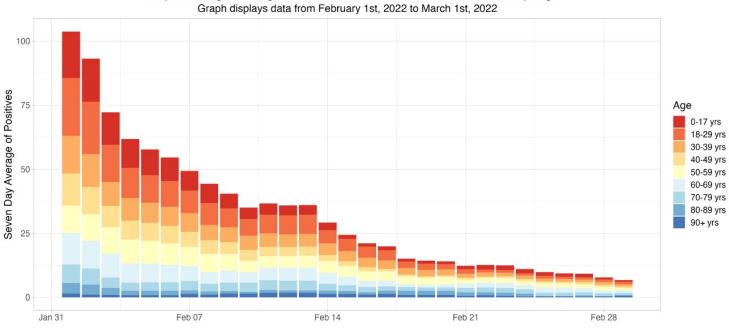




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• The graph below describes the **7-day rolling average** of cases from **Feb 1 – Mar 1** by age. The height of the graph corresponds to total cases and the thickness of each colored band corresponds to each age group.



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



Weekly summary

- 175 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between February 9 February 15. This is the fourth successive week in a row that cases have dropped, positive cases have declined by 35-55% every week since 19 January, 2022.
- Test positivity rate is under 20% in every county, and as low as 14% in Buffalo county, which accounts for about 65% of the tests conducted in non-long term care facilities in the past week. Positivity rates have fallen across all age groups in the last month.
- TRPHD announced an additional 3 deaths due to COVID this week, taking the total toll for the district to 200.
- As of Feb 15th, a little over 51% of the total population of TRPHD has received the minimum prescribed dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination rates have shown little appreciable difference in the past month, perhaps predictive of long-term trends. The risk of hospitalization or serious illness following infection is significantly higher for unvaccinated persons.
- As of Tuesday morning, there were 7 ICU beds available in TRPHD (out of 33 overall). Over 40% of ICU beds were occupied by COVID positive patients..
- COVID testing is available at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds (Kearney city) Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM 12:30PM. Those interested are required to register at www.trphd.org for scheduling.
- 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 lowered from last week in the 'elevated' (orange) zone. The dial reflects the continued drop in new COVID cases, falling test positivity rates and consistent ICU bed availability.

To conclude, 175 new COVID cases were detected in the Two Rivers area last week. Test positivity rate outside long term care facilities is under 14% as new cases have dropped for the third straight week. A little over half of TRPHD's population is fully vaccinated and over 23% has received a booster dose. TRPHD has scheduled vaccination clinics across the district, schedule can be found at <u>https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html</u>. TRPHD is operating a public COVID testing site at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays. Those eligible for vaccines or booster doses are advised to contact TRPHD or their physician or local pharmacy. To access services through Two Rivers health department, residents are required to visit <u>www.trphd.org</u> to register an appointment (for COVID testing). TRPHD vaccination clinics accept walk-in customers and will provide appropriate vaccine dose as indicated.



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-19 death certification, please see <u>https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvss/vsrg/vsrg03-508.pdf</u>

• 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

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.

СІТҮ	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)
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