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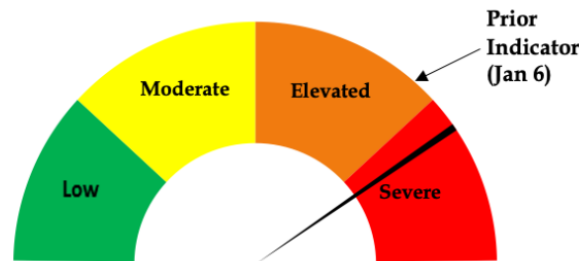
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Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, January 13, 2022. The risk dial increased to the red “Severe” level of risk.



Risk Dial for COVID-19 Two Rivers Public Health Published Jan 13, 2022

- 764 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between January 5 - January 11. Over 20% of all tests recorded in the district are positive. The weekly number of positive COVID tests in the district has doubled for the second week running. Over 15% of all positive tests results in the past 6 months were reported since December 28th, 2021.
- All counties except Harlan report over a third of tests (non-routine) as positive in the past week, persons aged 18-50 years seem to be the most affected by the current surge. However, testing services continue to remain scarce.
- As of Wednesday morning, almost exactly half of the total population of TRPHD has received the minimum prescribed dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The risk of hospitalization or serious illness following infection is significantly higher for unvaccinated persons.
- As of Tuesday morning, there were 6 available ICU beds in TRPHD. Med/Surg bed availability is over 30% across the district currently.
- A public COVID testing site is open at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds (Kearney city). Testing results are available the same day and are offered Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM - 12:30PM, however the site will be closed on (Monday) Jan 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Those desirous of COVID testing are required to register at <https://login.registertime.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 <https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html>
- For these reasons, the risk dial is raised from last week to the ‘severe’ (red) zone. The dial reflects the explosive increase in new cases, scarce testing availability and dramatically elevated test positivity rates across TRPHD district.

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