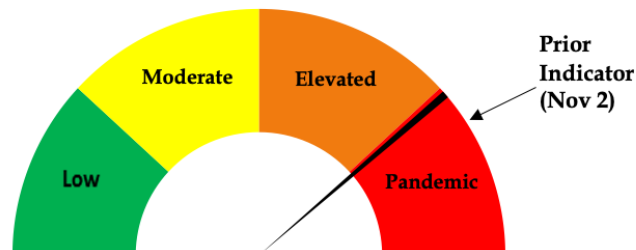




### Risk Dial Nov 12, 2021



**Risk Dial for COVID-19  
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- 390 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between November 3 - November 9. There are currently 35 adult COVID admissions in TRPHD hospitals.
- Between a quarter to a third of all tests conducted outside long term care facilities in Buffalo, Dawson and Phelps county were positive in the last week. Over the past 6 weeks, there was also a steady increase in the number of positive cases detected among residents less than 18 years of age, with a jump in cases in the 0-11 year age category in the last 2 weeks.
- Only 5 out of 28 ICU beds are currently available across TRPHD, almost 40% of ICU beds in use are occupied by COVID patients. Across TRPHD, 3 out of the 4 ventilators currently in use are for COVID patients.
- A public COVID testing site is now 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 [www.trphd.org](http://www.trphd.org) for scheduling.
- As of Oct 5, 2021, 47% of TRPHD's total population and almost 59% 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](http://www.trphd.org)
- For these reasons, the risk dial is lowered slightly from last week, although it still remains in the 'pandemic' zone. The reduced dial reading reflects lower weekly case incidence, marginal improvement in ICU availability rates locally and the increased availability of COVID testing.



*To conclude, 390 new COVID cases were detected in the Two Rivers area last week, slightly higher than the weekly average recorded over the past two months. ICU availability is 5 out of 28, about 40% of occupied beds are accounted for by COVID patients. 47% of the total population of TRPHD district and 96% of all adults are fully vaccinated. Public COVID-19 testing is now available at the Buffalo county Fairgrounds on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:30-12:30 in the morning. Those desirous of availing services are requested to register prior to testing ([www.trphd.org](http://www.trphd.org) ). The schedule for vaccination clinics can be found at <https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html>. In the meantime, unvaccinated residents are advised to follow strict preventive measures (social distancing, correct and consistent masking) at all times, especially in light of increased transmission of the delta variant and general relaxation of infection control practices.*