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Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, February 10, 2022. The risk dial decreased to within the orange “Elevated” level of risk.



Risk Dial for COVID-19
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- 313 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between February 2 - February 8. This represents a 58% drop in new cases compared to the previous week. Weekly case rates are now comparable to the average new cases per week seen between September and December 2021.
- Test positivity rate is over 25% among residents below 40 years, however it has been steadily falling over the last two weeks. Positivity rates have fallen across all age groups in the last month. TRPHD announced an additional 17 deaths due to COVID this week, taking the total toll for the district to 197.
- As of Feb 8th, 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. 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 <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 a schedule of TRPHD vaccination clinics, see <https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html>
- For these reasons, the risk dial is lowered from last week to the ‘elevated’ (orange) zone. The dial reflects the continued drop in new cases for the second week, falling test positivity rates and consistent ICU bed availability.

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