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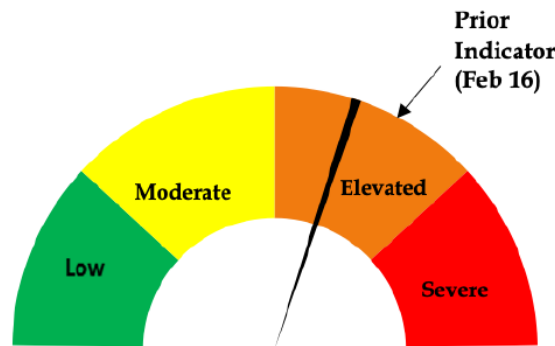
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Weekly COVID-19 Risk Update

KEARNEY – Two Rivers Public Health updated the weekly risk dial on Thursday, February 24, 2022. The risk dial decreased within the orange “Elevated” level of risk.



**Risk Dial for COVID-19
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- 86 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in TRPHD between February 16 - February 22. In keeping with the trend over the past 5 weeks, positive cases have declined by 50% from the previous week.
- COVID test positivity rate has declined in all testing settings. Positivity rate in tests done in hospitals and clinics has dropped to 10% for the first time since 22 July, 2021.
- As of Feb 22nd, 51.4% 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. The risk of hospitalization or serious illness following infection is significantly higher for unvaccinated persons.
- As of Wednesday morning, there were 14 ICU beds available in TRPHD (out of 32 overall). 32% of Medical/Surgical beds are available across the district.
- COVID patients account for over half the ventilators currently in use across the district. However, less than 13% of all vents in the district are being used for patient support.
- COVID testing is available at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds (Kearney city) Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30AM - 11:00AM starting February 28th, 2022. 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 <https://www.trphd.org/covid-19/event-calendar.html>
- For these reasons, the risk dial is lowered from last week in the ‘elevated’ (orange) zone. The dial reflects the steep decrease in new COVID cases and test positivity rates, consistent ICU bed availability and improvements in ventilator utilization trends.

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Two Rivers Public Health Department engages collaborative partners, community leaders and the public to promote healthy lifestyles, provide preventative education, assure environmental quality, and create more healthy and safe communities for all who live within the district. Follow TRPHD on Facebook and Twitter @2RPHD

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