

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department

Weekly Briefing

October 6, 2021



Nebraska Plains
Healthcare
Coalition

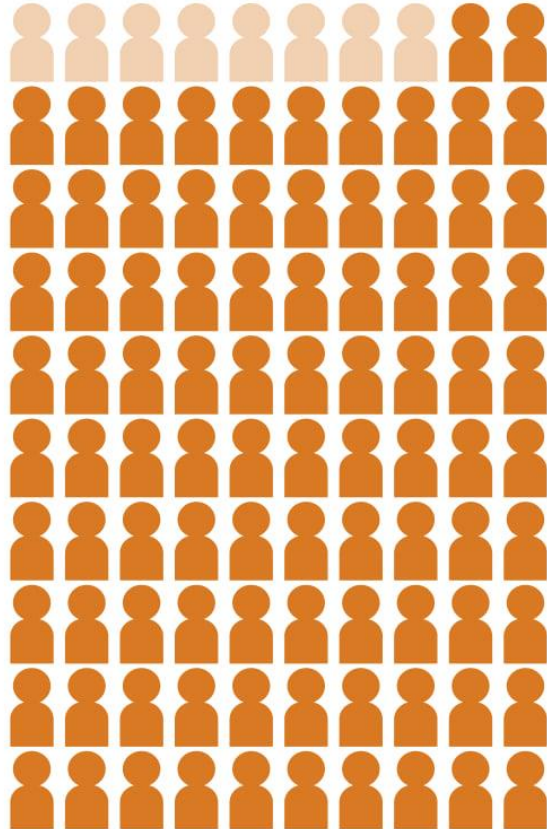
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INFECTIONS

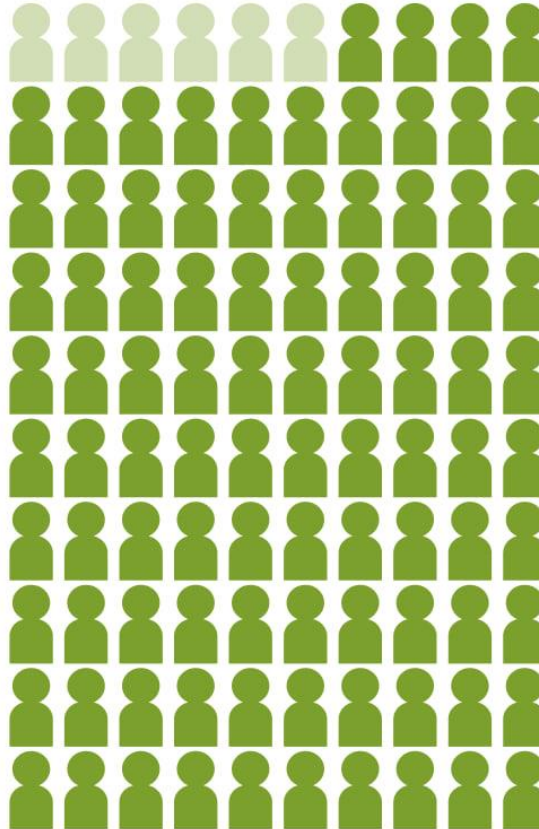
92% of COVID-19 infections since Jan. 1, 2021 were among people not fully vaccinated



Cases: COVID-19 cases were identified from positive laboratory tests reported to the Nebraska Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS), which were matched with records of fully vaccinated individuals reported to the Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS).

HOSPITALIZATIONS

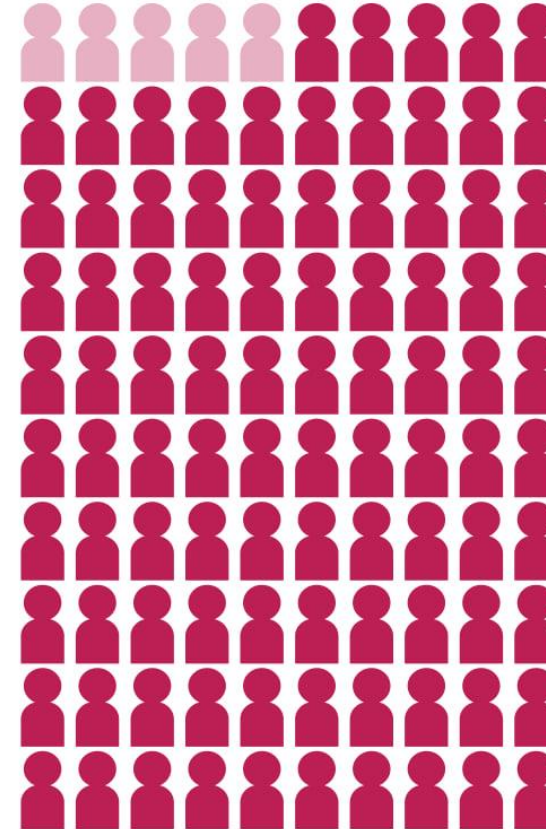
94% of COVID-19 hospitalizations since Jan. 1, 2021 were among people not fully vaccinated



Hospitalizations: COVID-19 hospitalizations were identified from healthcare encounter data obtained from the State Health Information Exchange (CyncHealth), which were matched with NESIIS vaccination data. We estimate this data source contains 60-70% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations in Nebraska.

DEATHS

95% of COVID-19 deaths since Jan. 1, 2021 were among people not fully vaccinated



Deaths: COVID-19 deaths were identified from death certificates when COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, or another synonym was listed as the immediate or contributing cause of death.

Statewide COVID 19 Overview

- ❖ Increase of 18 cases (-21, 7, 33, 41, 41, 61, 32, 43,)
- ❖ 7-day positivity rate 9.0% (8.8, 9, 8.7, 8.6, 7.1, 8.6, 7.7)
- ❖ Average of 46 new covid patients admitted per day (47, 46, 39, 41, 40, 31, 26, 23, 19,)
- ❖ 14-day average of 10.6% of staffed hospital beds occupied by Covid Pts (10.0, 10.5, 9.2, 8.8, 7.9, 7.0, 6.0, 4.4, 3.5,)
- ❖ 28% of hospitalized COVID patients are in ICU (32, 29, 27, 28, 28, 35, 31,)
- ❖ 57% of COVID ICU Patients are on Vents (54, 57, 54, 49, 47, 45, 37, 50,)
- ❖ 23% of statewide ICU patients are COVID patients (26, 21, 21, 21, 27, 18, 14,)
- ❖ 139 LTCFs throughout the state are reported in an out-break mode (136, 131, 131)

Statewide LTCF vaccination rates

Health Care Workers 70%

Residents 90%

Nebraska National Ranking for LTCF Vaccination Rates

Health Care Workers 20th

Residents within the top 10

Dr. Ashraf is recommending that residents In LTCF who are eligible get the booster dose!

Emergency Response Coordinator Update

erc@swhealth.ne.gov

COVID-19 DHM

Extension till October 31st

PRENATAL VACCINATION HAN

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) agree that **people who are pregnant, breastfeeding/lactating, or thinking about becoming pregnant should be vaccinated against COVID-19.**



Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
HEALTH ALERT NETWORK
Advisory

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TO: Healthcare Providers, Infection Control, Hospitals, Labs, and Public Health
FROM: Matthew Donahue, MD Gary Anthonie, MD
Acting State Epidemiologist Director/CMO Public Health
Phone: 402-471-8566 Phone: 402-471-8566
RE: Vaccination to prevent COVID-19 in pregnant people
DATE: September 30, 2021

This is an official
CDC HEALTH ADVISORY

Distributed via the CDC Health Alert Network
September 29, 2021, 12:00 PM ET
CDCHAN-00453

[ADVISORY09302021.pdf \(ne.gov\)](#)

**COVID-19 Vaccination for Pregnant People to Prevent Serious Illness,
Deaths, and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes from COVID-19**

Public Health
Nurse

Melissa Propp

District Update

**Vaccination rates for residents of the health district
have reached**

50%

(+.6% from last week) (+11% from July 1, 2021)

**COVID-19
Vaccination
Update**

to request vaccine supply:
nurse@swhealth.ne.gov

Total residents of the health district vaccinated

19,145

(+255 from last week)

Coadministration of Influenza Vaccines with COVID-19 Vaccines

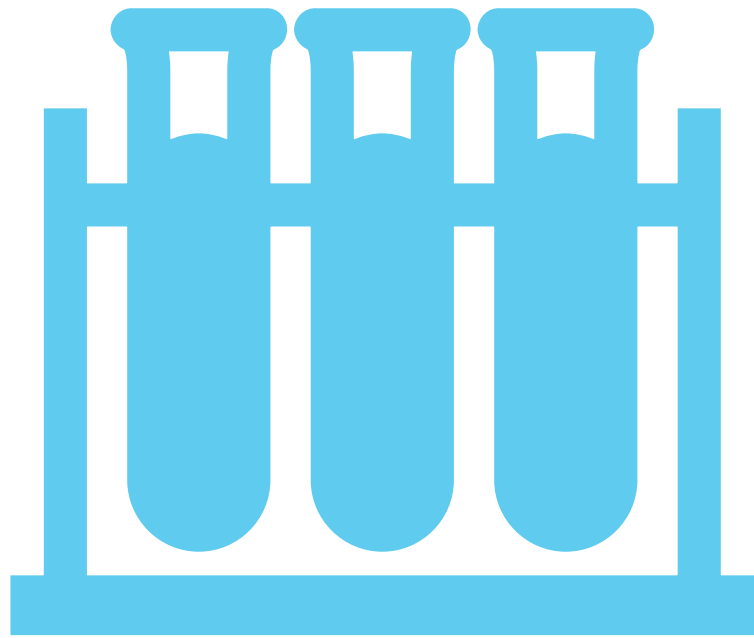
- ACIP influenza statement cites current *Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States*:
 - States that COVID-19 vaccines may be administered without regard to timing of other vaccines.
 - Vaccines administered at the same visit should be given at different sites (separated by an inch or more, if possible).
 - If COVID-19 vaccines are given with vaccines that might be more likely to cause a local reaction (e.g., high-dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines), administer in separate limbs, if possible.
- Notes that providers should check current CDC COVID-19 vaccination guidance for updated information concerning coadministration.

[https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fcovid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html)

Vaccine for the Homebound

SWNPHD would like to make covid-19 vaccinations available to homebound individuals who may be unable to reach a doctor's office or vaccination facility due to health issues, age, or other reasons.





TESTING

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

MARKS PHARMACY

Tuesday through Friday, 1-2 pm CST
622 Patterson St, Cambridge

Sign up online at

<https://login.registermytime.com/tw/markspharmacy>

Please bring insurance cards to help
cover the cost of staffing

Current
Options

- ▶ **MIDWEST COORDINATION CENTER**-Pooled PCR Testing for pre-K - 12 schools and congregate settings such as Head Start, jails, group homes, work camps, ect.
- ▶ **TOTALWELLNESS**-POC testing, PCR and Antigen. Mobile testing site. Reimbursed for staff
- ▶ **NOMI HEALTH** -PCR and Antigen testing - started set up in Grand Island. Currently in Lincoln and Omaha

Current Options

School
Liaison

Maria Beasley

Breakdown of age groups

September 28-October 4

Total 104

<u>Age Group</u>	<u># of Cases</u>
0-19	33
20-29	5
30-39	16
40-49	14
50-59	9
60-69	17
70-79	8
80+	2


COVID-19: [Click Here For Important Information & Updates](#)

Important Information on COVID-19

Anyone age 12 and older is eligible to receive COVID vaccine in Nebraska.


[COVID Vaccine Information](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Consent Form for Minors](#) for parents and guardians

Update: Multiple cases of the Delta variant have been confirmed in the health district.

[Information on Variants of the Virus that Causes COVID-19](#)

SWNPHD continues to recommend that residents avoid close contact and crowded or closed spaces.
Practice good health habits and monitor public health information for changes in the situation.

 [Weekly Briefing on COVID in Southwest Nebraska - Powerpoint Slides](#)

[CDC Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#)



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Comments
Concerns

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