

COVID-19 Hotspot Advisory

Cass and Jackson Counties and Kansas City (and surrounding area)

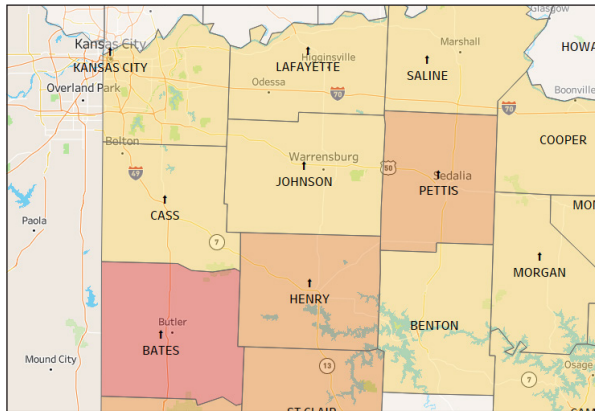
August 9, 2021 (based on data July 25 - Aug. 8)

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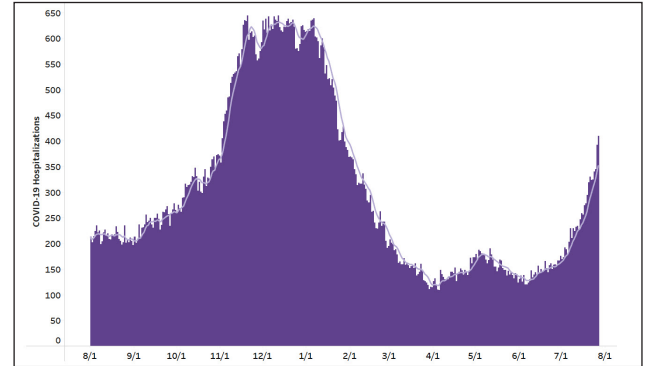
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Current COVID-19 Severity based on State Averages

- Typical
- Above Average
- High
- Severe



COVID-19 Total Patients in the Hospital by Day for KC Region (Bates, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray and Saline)



SITUATIONAL SUMMARY:

In recent weeks, most areas of Missouri have experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The Delta variant is the predominant cause. **Cases in Cass and Jackson counties and Kansas City are also rising with 366, 1545, and 1700 respectively in the past week compared to 349, 1272, and 1546 respectively the prior week.** Hospitals in the region are seeing resource strain from dramatically increased numbers of COVID-19 patients and hospitalizations. As a result, several hospitals in the region are at or near capacity. Continued disease spread into Northwest Missouri is expected.*

The percentage of people fully vaccinated in **Cass County (34.0%), Jackson County (40.2%) and Kansas City (40.1%)**. Experts say at least 70% - 80% of people, depending on the type of variant virus, need immunity to provide the best chance of minimizing spread within a community.**

Delta Variant Update:

- Delta cases are on the rise and the variant appears to spread more easily and poses higher risk of hospitalization than prior strains.
- Vaccination is the best way to prevent COVID-19. Social distancing, masking, handwashing, and other precautions remain important.

Value of Vaccination for Individuals:

- All approved vaccines are very effective, even against new variants.
- There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine, even if you are uninsured.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are less likely to miss work, school, or social functions due to illness.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are not asked to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19 and not symptomatic.

Value of Vaccination for Workplaces/Communities:

- Helps prevent or reduce outbreaks that create high absenteeism in businesses and hamper community social events.
- Minimizes health care resources and protects workers and patients.

Safety:

- Administered safely to millions in the US under intense safety monitoring.
- Authorized quickly, without ignoring safety checks, by cutting 'red tape'.
- Reduces the risk of COVID-19 and especially prevents severe illness.

“The COVID-19 vaccine is Missouri’s pathway to recovery. As we see the more dangerous Delta variant begin to spread in certain regions of Missouri, we strongly encourage Missourians to protect themselves by getting vaccinated as soon as possible.”

— Daniel P. Mehan, President and CEO Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry

COVID-19 VACCINES ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE:

[MOPStopsCovid.com](https://mostopscovid.com) or [VaccineFinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org)

If your business or organization is interested in a COVID-19 vaccine, complete this [form](#)***

The vaccine is the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

*<https://www.jhsph.edu/covid-19/articles/achieving-herd-immunity-with-covid19.html>

**<https://showmestrong.mo.gov/data/public-health/>

***Business form: <https://stateofmissouri.wufoo.com/forms/m112ergb0572jxj/>