

COVID-19 Hotspot Advisory

Bollinger and Madison Counties (and surrounding area)

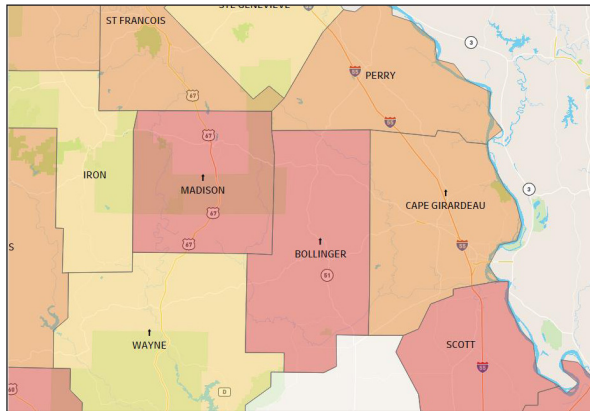
September 16, 2021 (based on data Sept. 2 - Sept. 15)

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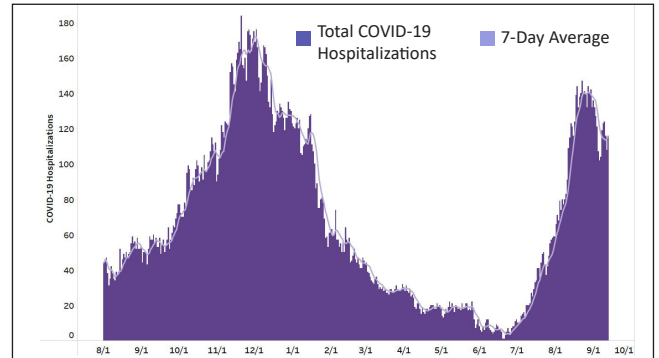
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Current COVID-19 Severity based on State Averages

- Typical
- Above Average
- High
- Severe



COVID-19 Total Patients in the Hospital by Day for SE Region (Butler, Cape Girardeau, Iron, Madison, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, Ste. Genevieve and Stoddard)



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 Bollinger and Madison counties are also rising with 67 and 76 respectively in the past week compared to 49 and 56 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.*

The percentage of people fully vaccinated in **Bollinger (26.5%) and Madison (29.9%) counties.** 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 variant spreads more easily and poses higher risk of hospitalization.
- 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 free and very effective, even against new variants.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are less likely to miss work, school, or social events.
- 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 of COVID-19 Vaccines:

- 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.

Treatment After Positive Test or Significant Exposure:

- Contact your health care provider about a medical evaluation and/or referral for a monoclonal antibody (mAb) infusion. Click [here](#) for information regarding monoclonal antibody infusion treatment.****

“The COVID-19 vaccine is Missouri’s pathway to recovery. 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

“Vaccination reduces COVID-19 hospitalizations. Hospital ICUs are struggling to keep up. You can help ensure this space is available for other life-threatening illnesses.”

— Herb B. Kuhn, President and CEO
Missouri Hospital Association

COVID-19 VACCINES ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE:

[MOSTopsCovid.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://showmestrong.mo.gov/data/public-health/>

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

***Business form: <https://stateofmissouri.wufoo.com/forms/m1l2ergb0572jxi/>

****<https://health.mo.gov/monoclonal-antibody-treatment>