

COVID-19 EID Team Update



Thursday, Dec. 2

Oklahoma COVID-19 Risk Level



Cleveland County's current risk level (as well as most of the state's counties) is: **Moderate**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has developed the Oklahoma COVID-19 Risk Level System; a four-tiered risk measurement tool with corresponding color categories that identify the current COVID-19 risk level. This tool offers the public and local elected officials an easy way to recognize each county's risk level. Find specific guidelines for each color-coded risk level and see county-specific risk levels [here](#).

Updated Visitation Guidelines

Beginning Monday, December 6, visitation monitoring at entrances will change. Teletracking will no longer be used to check visitors in and out at the entry.

Staff and volunteers at hospital entrances will be responsible for:

- Assisting every individual that enters
- Ensuring masks are worn
- Distributing information card & informing visitors of current Visitation Guidelines
- Escorting visitors to destination

Visitors will no longer check in/out at hospital entrances. Visitors will be encouraged to self-screen for symptoms along with monitoring their temperature.

Visitation Guidelines will be:

- Visiting hours: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Only two visitors are allowed to be in a patient's room at a time. Visitors may switch out as long as additional visitors remain in the waiting area on the unit.
- Waiting rooms on patient units are fully open for additional visitors to wait.
- Visitors must wear mask at all times while in the building.
- No visitors are allowed for patients in droplet or airborne isolation, including COVID-19, exceptions may be allowed for patients receiving end of life care.
- Individuals who are not compliant with any of the above will be asked to leave.

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N-95 Fit Testing for Unvaccinated Healers

N-95 fit testing for unvaccinated healers will be held at these locations:

Porter Campus

Education Center West Entrance

HealthPlex Campus

Ground Floor Cafeteria by the vending

Moore Campus

Moore Education Center

Dates and times are listed below with locations:

Thurs. 12/2	Friday 12/3	Monday 12/6	Tuesday 12/7	Thursday 12/9	Friday 12/10
Porter 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Porter 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Porter 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Porter 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Moore 11:00 a.m. to noon	Porter 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
HealthPlex 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	HealthPlex 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	HealthPlex 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	HealthPlex 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.		HealthPlex 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



See attachments for medical evaluation form. All healers should fill this out and bring it with them to the fit test session. If you have any health concerns about being fitted for an N-95 mask and would like to speak to a medical professional, please call Employee Health at 307-1773.

Supply Shortage

As Norman Regional and the healthcare industry navigate the current medication and supply shortage, both COVID and non-COVID related, please check your emails regularly to ensure you are staying up-to-date with the latest information.

Nationwide COVID Vaccine Mandate Injunction Announced

On Tuesday, November 30 the Attorney General of Oklahoma released information on a federal court in Louisiana's decision to block the Biden administration from enforcing a vaccine mandate for healthcare workers nationwide. You might recall in a previous One Voice message that Oklahoma Attorney General O'Connor, and eleven other state attorneys general filed a lawsuit asking a federal court to stop the Biden administration's overreaching COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. It claimed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) exceeded its statutory authority. The lawsuit is one of four challenges to the CMS rule, all of which questioned the agency's authority to implement a vaccine mandate. In addition, a federal district court in Missouri blocked the mandate in ten states on Monday.

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What This Means for NRHS Healers:

- The Louisiana federal court injunction **temporarily halts** the CMS requirement for all hospitals and health systems participating in Medicare and Medicaid to mandate the COVID-19 Vaccine for every NRHS healer in the organization.
- Due to the temporary court injunction, NRHS is likewise suspending the COVID-19 vaccine **deadlines of December 5 for first vaccine dose and January 4 second vaccine dose.**
- Review your department list for any healers who might have been subject to the December 5 vaccination deadline and make them aware of the injunction.
- Share this information with your department staff and send questions to NRHSCorpComm@nrh-ok.com.
- The vaccine mandate injunction is highly fluid and information changes frequently. We will continue to monitor information from CMS, the Biden Administration and the federal court's decision. As we receive further updates, we will share that information with you.

In 2021, the healthcare community learned that vaccines are safe and effective against COVID-19. While the vaccine may not prevent a person from becoming infected, it has been proven to add protection from the virus by reducing symptom severity, hospitalization and death. During the most recent uptick of hospitalized patients suffering from the delta variant, the majority of patients were younger in age and unvaccinated. Please talk to your personal physician about the vaccine to clear up any outstanding questions or concerns you may have.