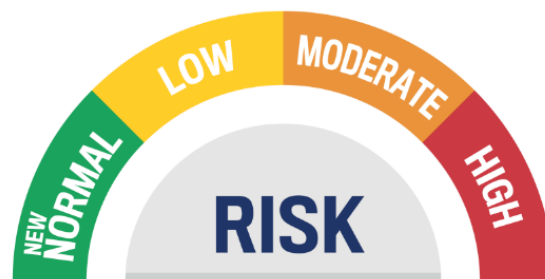


# COVID-19 EID Team Update



Thursday, Dec. 30

## 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](#).

### CDC Guidance

The Executive Team has advised Human Resources that, as of today, due to extreme staffing shortages (i.e., as shown by significantly limited availability of existing staff, high turnover rates, and high vacancy rates), NRHS is entering "Contingency" level conditions and implementing the strategies to mitigate staffing shortages as set forth by the CDC guidelines for all NRHS operations (i.e., hospital, outpatient, ambulatory, clinics, etc.). Under contingency conditions, healthcare personnel with SARS-CoV-2 infection can return to work at five days, if asymptomatic or mild, improving symptoms, with or without a negative test.

When conditions return to "Conventional" conditions, additional information will be provided.

 *See attachment for information from the CDC on work restrictions under the contingency level.*

### Increase in COVID Positive Patients


Norman Regional has seen an increase in hospitalized patients who are COVID positive. Our numbers have gone from mid-20s to mid-30's over the past week.

### CMS Vaccine Mandate

On January 7, the Supreme Court will be hearing oral arguments on the CMS vaccine mandates. The Emerging Infectious Disease committee will be watching this closely. Please watch your email for further communication.

### Flu Update

Norman Regional has seen an increase in hospitalized patients with the flu, specifically flu strain A. For clinical healers, please also remember that when caring for patients with the flu, droplet precaution is required.

 *For more information on how the flu is affecting Oklahoma, please see the attached document from the Oklahoma State Department of Health.*