

COVID-19 EID Team Update



Friday, Jan. 7

Oklahoma COVID-19 Risk Level

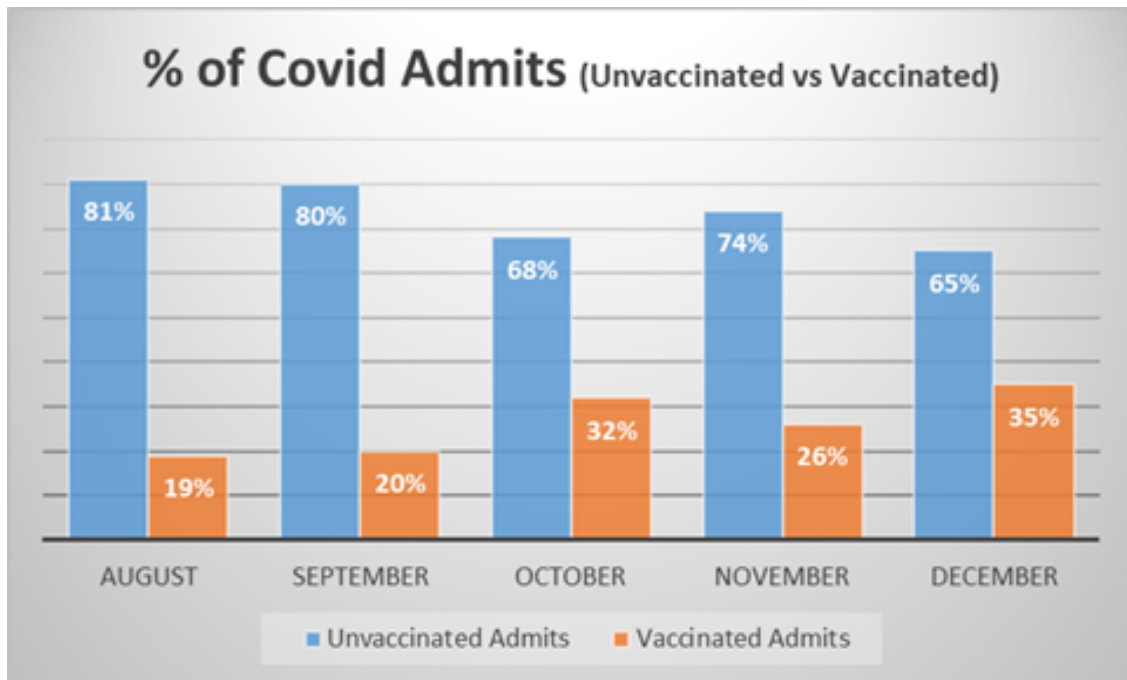


Cleveland County's current risk level (as well as most of the state's counties) is: **Moderate**

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](#).

COVID Hospitalizations and Vaccination Status

Below is a graphic showing the percentage of COVID admits, August-December 2021 that were unvaccinated and are summarized by month.



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COVID Hospitalizations and Vaccination Status Cont.

50% to 90% of hospital admissions with positive COVID lab tests can be tied to unvaccinated patients.

Breakthrough cases are occurring, with 10% to 45% of COVID-positive hospital admissions being fully vaccinated.

Overall average during this time period was 75% of COVID admits were unvaccinated.

81% in August

80% in September

68% in October

74% in November

65% in December

In contrast, here are "breakthrough" admissions from the same time periods:

19% in August

20% in September

32% in October

26% in November

35% in December

Flu Return to Work Guidelines

The return to work guidelines for healers positive for influenza allows a return to work after 24 hours of symptom improvement and no fever without medication. There is no specific timeframe to quarantine.

Statewide Flu Update



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

NRHS Flu Update

In the last month of 2021, we hospitalized 100 patients with flu. The previous 11 months, we hospitalized zero. We believe that last year's data is a result of the public's community infection prevention efforts such as masking, avoiding large crowds and social distancing.

No Patient Left Alone Act (NPLAA) Compliance

Since the CDC updated their return to work guidelines for COVID positive workers, NRHS has experienced a large influx of phone calls from citizens and state representatives confusing these guidelines with the NPLAA. NRHS is and has been compliant with the NPLAA. We have also surveyed the metro hospitals regarding their positive COVID patient visitation. Our current policy is in line with the metro hospitals and follows the CDC patient isolation guidelines that comply with the NPLAA.

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COVID Testing

In response to the increased demand for COVID testing, we have expanded the hours of our Drive Through COVID Collection Sites and increased the capacity from 6 patients per hour to 12 patients per hour.

Hours of Operation:

East Rich Street	7am-7pm Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm Sunday
Moore	7am-7pm Monday-Friday
West Norman	8am-5pm Monday-Friday

To improve efficiency, please follow the process outlined below:

- Healers who think they need to be tested should inform their leader and get permission to be tested. An order is not required, but we need to be sure we are testing Healers appropriately.
- If testing is indicated, Healers should self-schedule online. Please do not call the lab to schedule. The link is available on the NRHS home page at www.normanregional.com. Here is a direct link for convenience: <https://www.clockwisemd.com/groups/692>
- Select COVID Test - NRHS Healer as the reason for visit. Complete all fields on the intake form. We are batching Healer specimens separately to expedite testing for Healers.
- Results will be available for Healers on the Patient Portal. To ensure access to results, please proactively access your Hospital Patient Portal prior to collection. If you have questions about the portal, contact HIM at mynrhs_info@nrh-ok.com or 405-515-6747. Please do not call the Lab to ask for your results.
- Arrive for your appointment on time.

Our goal is to facilitate quick, quality results so that Healers can get back to work as quickly and safely as possible.

Return to Work Guidelines

The Executive Team has advised Human Resources that 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.