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Hood County COVID-19 Interim Update – 07-20-2021, 3 PM

This is an update based on numbers and concerns for reports received on positive cases in the community from DSHS for Hood County.

There are 101 new active cases reported as of today. Since July 5, 2021, Hood County has seen a 13% increase on cases.

We are at 136 COVID-19 positive deaths reported by DSHS for Hood County residents. (7 new deaths since May 15th)

We have tested a total of 66,474 citizens in Hood County.

Our TSA Regional Hospital Rate as of today is 11.49% an overall increase of 9.99% since May 15th. (3.51% under the 15% threshold required by the state.

Hood County is currently at SUBSTANTIAL risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The local Public Health Authority, in accordance with CDC and Texas DSHS recommendations encourages vaccination by everyone eligible including teens 12 and older. Mask wearing by individuals who have not been complete vaccinated against COVID-19, including children over the age of 2, and continues to encourage social distancing as well.

How To Protect Yourself And Others

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>