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## **Hood County COVID-19 Interim Update - 08-05-2021**

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

There are **112** Active Cases reported as of today. Hood County has seen a **137.82%** percent increase of positive cases in the last seven day period.

We are at **140** total COVID-19 positive deaths reported by DSHS for Hood County residents. (**4** new deaths since 7/20/2021)

We have tested a total of **71,581** citizens in Hood County.

Our TSA Regional Hospital Rate as of today is **12.81%** (2.19% under the 15% threshold required by the state.)

**18** currently reported local hospitalizations, all other active cases have been directed to self-isolate at home.

### **Overall hospitalization rates for the Region and Hood County as of 8/2/2021**

Hospital volumes for COVID-19 have increased 40% compared to one week ago, 102% compared to two weeks ago, and 292% compared to one month ago.

Every seven days Hood County is seeing 13 new hospital admissions for COVID-19.

## **Hood County is currently at a HIGH risk of COVID-19 transmission as of August 2, 2021.**

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 completely 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>

### **Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

### **Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines**

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