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Hood County COVID-19 Interim Update - 08-19-2021

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 **175** Active Cases reported as of today. Hood County has seen a **63.5%** increase of positive cases in the last seven day period.

We are at **147** total COVID-19 positive deaths reported by DSHS for Hood County residents. (**11** new deaths since 7/20/2021)

We have tested a total of **73,960** citizens in Hood County. (This is total tests administered not individual's tested)

35 currently reported local hospitalizations due to COVID-19, all other active cases have been directed to self-isolate at home.

Overall hospitalization rates for the Region and Hood County as of 8/18/2021.

TSA Regional Hospital Rate for confirmed COVID-19 is **19.68%** (4.68.% over the 15% threshold required by the state.)

Regionally there are only 62 Adult ICU beds available and 2 PICU beds available.

100% of Hood County's ICU beds are in use.

90.00% of Hood County's ICU beds are COVID-19 positive.

41.79% of Hood County's hospital capacity is COVID-19 positive.

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.

Prevention of COVID-19

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

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>

Delta Variant FAQ's

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/variant-faqs.aspx>

Booster Recommendation Statement from the CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0813-additional-mRNA-mrna-dose.html>