

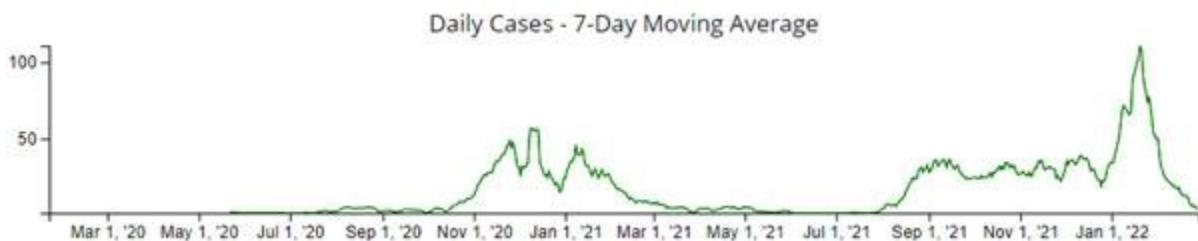


## Logan County COVID-19 Update, March 2, 2022

The CDC recently released new COVID-19 guidance that looks at three data points- new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days. These data points are used to determine a COVID-19 community level for each county. The community level will either be low, medium, or high and will be updated once a week. County guidance and recommendations will be dependent on the COVID-19 community level- so if COVID-19 cases increase along with the number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized, our agency will recommend more prevention strategies for the community.

As of this morning, the CDC still has Logan County's COVID-19 community level as 'High', but this has not been updated since February 24, 2022. When you take a deeper look at the data, you see:

The Logan County COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days has dropped drastically in the last five weeks and is at the lowest levels since last August. Logan County's seven-day COVID-19 case rate is 63.5, which is well below the CDC community level of 200.



Logan County new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days is listed at 2.19, which is below the COVID-19 community level threshold of 10.0 and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is listed at 8.57 which is below the COVID-19 community level threshold of 10.0%.

So, this means we fully anticipate that Logan County's COVID-19 community level will be "low" once the CDC updates their metrics, but realize this community level may change over time. We can't guarantee a new variant or wave WON'T hit our community, but we can guarantee that we will follow the science and make the recommendations needed to keep our community safe and healthy.

Based on a Low COVID-19 community level, we recommend the following strategies for our community:

COVID-19 Community level	Individual- and household-level prevention behaviors	Community-level prevention strategies (as recommended by state or local authorities)
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters</li> <li>• Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>• If you are immunocompromised or <u>high risk</u> for severe disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing)</li> <li>- Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, PrEP, and monoclonal antibodies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute and administer vaccines to achieve high community vaccination coverage and ensure health equity</li> <li>• Maintain improved ventilation in public indoor spaces</li> <li>• Ensure access to testing, including through point-of-care and at-home tests for all people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate with organizations and places that serve people who are immunocompromised or at <u>high risk</u> for severe disease to ensure they know how to get rapid testing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure access and equity in vaccination, testing, treatment, community outreach, support services for disproportionately affected populations</li> </ul>

Sources:

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