



Logan County COVID-19 Update, March 8, 2022

Based on the CDC's new measure, called COVID-19 Community Levels, which looks at three data points:

- Total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days
- New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days
- Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients

Logan County's COVID-19 Community Level is marked as 'low', which was predicted last week when we removed the mask advisory for the county. As of this week, Logan County has under 200 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the last seven days, has less than ten COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the last seven days, and has less than 10% of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

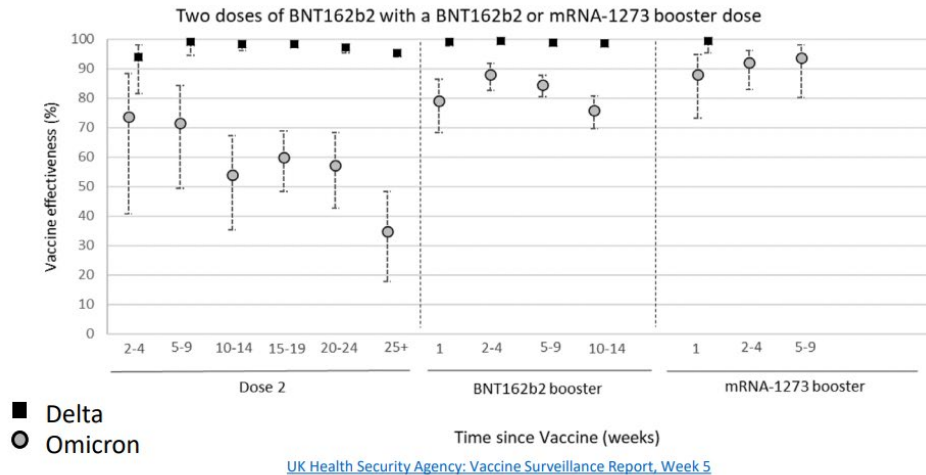
The table below shows how Logan County is doing compared to the metrics created by CDC:

Metric name	CDC baseline	Logan County data as of 3/8/2022
New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population last seven (7) days	<200	61.3
New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population last seven (7) days	<10.0	0
Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients last seven (7) days	<10.0%	0.0%

Hospital bed availability for the Central Ohio Region is the best it has been in the last two years. While the latest COVID-19 data is looking very encouraging, we still recommend everyone to be vigilant in your prevention efforts. If you or a loved one is sick, stay home. Maintain good indoor air quality. Follow isolation and quarantine guidelines when they apply to you and your family. Have a supply of COVID-19 tests available in your home in case anyone gets ill. Get yourself and your family fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Like some other vaccines, the effectiveness of a COVID-19 vaccine decreases over time. This is why getting a COVID-19 booster

is so important. As you can see from the graph below, COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization for Omicron decreased over time but getting a COVID-19 booster dose increased that effectiveness back to 80-90%.

mRNA vaccine effectiveness (VE) is lower against hospitalization for COVID-19 Omicron compared to Delta



Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 test kits. If you already ordered your first set of test kits, you are now eligible for a second set of four free at-home COVID-19 test kits. To order yours, please visit <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Lastly, our community has been resilient throughout this pandemic. This poem came out around a year ago, but its message on resilience and optimism rings true today just as they did a year ago. Please take a few moments and enjoy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DEX76hf7H4>