

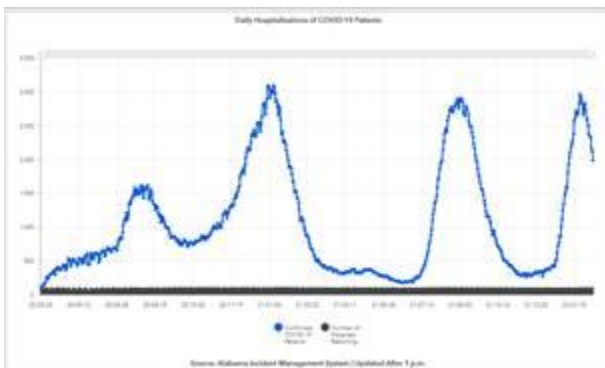
We are slowly getting to a level of diminished concern. Our local goal has always been to ensure continued operation of our medical system and prevent hospital overflow. Our hospitalizations numbers are now dropping and with the significant drop in cases we expect this trend to continue. **Thus, this will be the last COVID update unless our numbers start to climb significantly in the future.** As always we will monitor the situation and pay particular attention around Mardi Gras and spring break.

Case Numbers: Cases are down by over half in Alabama were APDH showed 11,022 for the week compared to 27,116 during the previous 7 day period. **Coffee County cases are down by almost 60% with 129 in the last 7 days** compared to 312 reported last week.

Note: With the proliferation of home testing and some people now receiving their tests through the government at home testing program not all cases are showing. Despite this, when all the information is taken together there is still significant evidence for this overall drop in cases. The number of people seeking test and the number of positives in schools has dropped off significantly.

Positivity Rate: Still higher than we would like but **Coffee Counties is down this week to 31.3%** from 46.5% last week. **State numbers are also down and sit at 21.4%** this week compared to 34.2% last week

Hospitalizations: We have also seen a continued decline in hospitalizations throughout Alabama, going down 533 this week to **1,980 people hospitalized in Alabama with COVID**. That being said, we are still seeing a little struggle with ICU beds with many hospitals remaining at, or close to capacity. We also did note some more Covid related deaths this week.



Deaths: Coffee County recorded **another 5 deaths from Covid this week**. We have now lost 213 Coffee County residence over the course of this pandemic (18 of these have occurred with the Omicron variant).

Testing: The COVID testing site at ESCC is still up and running. HOWEVER, because of the precipitous drop in those seeking test we expect ADPH to reduce our days to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with Tuesday and Thursday being provided in Henry county. We also expect hours to be adjusted to 10 am to 3 PM. Will send an update when ADPH confirms this.

Vaccinations: Coffee County observed statistically insignificant changes in our vaccination rate. Those receiving 1st dose sitting = 46.99%, those completing the series at 38.55%.

Concerns: We continue to monitor ICU use, cautiously watching as Madi Gras and spring breaks approach.