

WHAT DO THE NUMBERS SHOW: Both our cases and hospitalizations are down from 2 weeks ago. Our test positivity rate has also dropped but is still higher than we would like showing ongoing community transmission.

HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS (our main concern):

Hospitalizations: We seemed to have turned the corner on hospitalizations we hovered around 2,800 mark for about 3 weeks but started trending down during the first week in Sept. Last report (2 weeks ago) we showed 2,838 in hospital with COVID, **today we show 1,983 in hospital with COVID. This is a SIGNIFICANT drop of 855 hospitalizations through-out the state in the last 2 weeks.**

Our concerns:

1. Capacity remains a concern as despite the drop **some hospital in the area still remain over capacity for Intensive Care Units (ICU's).** The good news is we are not nearly as bad (over capacity) as we were 2 weeks ago.
2. Deaths, Since it can take weeks to process and ensure cause of death we are just now starting to see growth in our reported deaths in the county . With 7 deaths reported during the last 2 week report this 2 weeks report show us going up by 15 more deaths in the county.

CASES: Thankfully, we have not seen a spike from Labor day weekend.

ALABAMA: We were averaging about 2,955 cases per day during the previous report period and are **now averaging about 1,829 a day according to APDH reported NAAT test numbers.** Note: The CDC shows us as at 2,574 a day which seems to count all testing methods.

COFFEE COUNTY: On the ADPH Data and Surveillance dashboard main page our numbers show **101 positive NAAT test in a 7 day period or a little over 14 per day.** last report (2 weeks ago) this was about 33 per day. So, a welcome drop in numbers.

Again the CDC shows different case numbers showing site they show **215 cases in the last 7 days or about 31 a day.** This is still a significant drop from last report where we had 429 cases in a 7 day period or about 61 per day.

Positivity Rate: We continue to concentrate our planning based on Positivity Rate which gives us an idea of community transmission. We have seen a decline in this rate as well which gives us some hope that our cases may further decline in the coming month.

Current Positivity rate for Coffee County is 17.2 down from 30.7 two weeks ago we would still ideally like this below 5%. So, we still have a way to go to lower our community transmission of this virus.

VACCINATIONS: In the state we have gone up to 51% receiving at least one dose and almost 41% fully vaccinated. Our vaccination rates in Coffee County seem to have also **gone up again.** Last report we had 36.78% with at least one dose and 28.75% completing their vaccinations. **Today we have 38.23% completing at least one dose and 30.80% completing their series.**

WHAT CAN WE DO?:

Messaging hasn't changed. Trying not to sound like a broken record...but ...Get a **vaccine and use all the non-pharmaceutical interventions; Wash hands, wear a mask (inside or in crowds), and social distance.**

DATA: Though we receive data from various public and private sources for planning and response below are some of the references used in this update:

<https://healthdata.gov/dataset/COVID-19-Reported-Patient-Impact-and-Hospital-Capa/6xf2-c3ie/data>

<https://alpublichealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=d84846411471404c83313bfe7ab2a367>

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

<https://healthdata.gov/Community/COVID-19-State-Profile-Report-Alabama/v5xn-2pmv>