COVID-19 cases continue to climb in the nine-county Kansas City metropolitan region.

The region reported 519 new cases last week, bringing the total to 2,226 on July 11. The deaths from COVID-19 in the region decreased slightly while the number of hospitalization admissions increased.

New data indicates the region’s hospitals have adequate inpatient beds, ICUs and ventilators to serve both COVID-19 patients and others needing care. However, officials continue to monitor data for a potential increase in cases related to the Fourth of July holiday.

Wearing a mask, combined with other precautions, is the most effective approach to slowing the spread. Mounting scientific evidence shows that masks can help keep you, your family and your community safe.

Key data points
July 5 to July 11
New cases: 2,226
New hospitalizations: 58
Average tests/day: 4,718
Average in-region test positivity rate: 7%
New deaths: 21

What you can do
- Wear a face mask (and read a related letter to the business community)
- Practice social distancing
- Wash hands often
- Stay at home if you are sick
- Frequently clean high-touch surfaces
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer your time

Key graphs

Inpatient Beds
- Total Inpatient Beds Available: 5%
- Total Inpatient Beds Used: 31%
- Portion of Inpatient beds used COVID-19: 64%

Inpatient ICU
- Total Inpatient ICU Available: 5%
- Total Inpatient ICU Used: 35%
- Portion of Inpatient ICU Used COVID-19: 60%