The nine-county Kansas City region saw an uptick in the COVID-19 positivity rate, as case numbers continued to increase last week.

The positivity rate is the percent of COVID-19 tests that come back positive, out of all the tests administered. A high positivity rate can indicate that only the sickest people are being tested. The WHO recommends a positivity rate of 5% or below, which coincides with our region’s goal. However, the metro was at 11% last week.

Overall, the metro reported 408 new COVID-19 cases last week for a new case total of 2,634. The deaths from COVID-19 in the region decreased but there was an uptick in weekly hospital admissions related to COVID-19.

Our region continues to meet its goal of testing 3,150 people per day. But, with the increase in positivity rate, there is a need to continue to provide more testing.

Key data points
July 12 to July 18
New cases: 2,634
New hospitalizations: 147
Average tests/day: 3,509
Average in-region test positivity rate: 11%
New deaths: 14

What you can do
- View a list of local school district reopening plans
- Wear a face mask or covering
- Take simple precautions, such as social distancing, washing hands often, staying at home if you are sick and frequently cleaning high-touch surfaces
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer your time

Key graphs

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