The COVID-19 positivity rate continued to increase in the nine-county Kansas City region last week, reaching 14%.

This is the third week we saw an increase in this data point. Our region’s goal is 5% positivity. A high positivity rate can signal that only the sickest people are being tested.

The number of new hospitalizations declined from 147 to 119, but the region’s hospitals continue to see high volumes of non-COVID patients.

The region’s average number of COVID-19 tests per day dropped from 3,509 to 2,692 last week. This is the third week we’ve seen a decrease in tests per day; our region’s goal per day is 3,150.

The data also show an increase in new deaths, rising from 14 to 21.

Key data points

- New cases: 2,614
- New hospitalizations: 119
- Average tests/day: 2,692
- Average in-region test positivity rate: 14%
- New deaths: 21

What you can do

- 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
- Review your local school district’s reopening plan

Key graphs

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