Week of Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 2020

We experienced 2,884 new infections this week which is up 10% from last week. This continues an eight-week trend of more than 2,200 new cases each week. We will not know the full impact of the Labor Day holiday weekend for a few weeks.

Average daily tests this week fell sharply, and the positivity rate rose. The number of tests conducted this week — 2,343 — fell considerably short of 3,989, which is the number of tests we need to be able to mitigate the spread of the virus and decrease infections. The positivity rate rose to 18%, much higher than our 5% goal, indicating that we are not testing enough people.

**We need to see significant increases in testing if we are to suppress this virus.** Local public health directors urge anyone with symptoms and those exposed to infected persons, regardless of symptoms, to get tested. There are dozens of free community testing sites across the Kansas City region, as well as locations offered by private providers. To find a COVID-19 testing site, visit [ComebackKC.com](http://ComebackKC.com).

### Key Graphs

**Cases per week**

- **2,884**
- **6000**
- **5000**
- **4000**
- **3000**
- **2000**
- **1000**
- **0**

**Test positivity rate**

- **18%**
- **20%**
- **18%**
- **16%**
- **14%**
- **12%**
- **10%**
- **8%**
- **6%**
- **4%**
- **2%**
- **0%**

### Key Data Points

- **2,884** New Cases
- **2,343** Average Tests/Day
- **18%** % Positive Tests
- **23** New Deaths

### What You Can Do

- Wear a face mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash hands often
- Frequently clean surfaces
- Stay home if you are sick

Donate supplies
Volunteer opportunities

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**NOTE:** The data in this summary pulls from multiple sources and what is believed to be the best, most current available data. However, because information and strategies are changing quickly and data sources are updated at different intervals, the information presented may not always be comprehensive. Please email marcinfo@marc.org with questions, corrections or input.