
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF LUMPKIN, TOWNS, UNION AND WHITE COUNTIES

ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: COVID-19

Entered October 5th, 2021 (Effective as of October 13th, 2021, at 8:00 A.M.)

CONTINUING PROCLAMATION OF JUDICIAL/MEDICAL EMERGENCY

JUSTIFICATION

This Order was executed upon the direction of the Hon. Raymond E. George, Chief Judge of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, with all three members of the Superior Court of the Enotah Judicial joining in concurrence. This Order, while filed in all four counties of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, was executed and joined in Blairsville, Union County, Georgia, on October 5th, 2021, pursuant to and in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-61(a)(1-3). This Order expressly adopts the findings of the previously issued Proclamation of Judicial/Medical Emergency Order, which took effect on September 13, 2021, within the Enotah Judicial Circuit and which is currently set to expire on October 14th, 2021. This Order shall have effect and carry forward for a continuing thirty (30) day period, pursuant to and in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-61(b). More particularly, this Order will carry forward from the expiration of the original September 13th, 2021, Order, and will become effective at 8:00 AM, on October 13th, 2021.

All classes of court operating within the Enotah Judicial Circuit shall continue to operate based on this renewed and Order and Modified Operations Plan. In support thereof, within the counties and communities comprising the Enotah Judicial Circuits, a rise in community spread and positive infections for the COVID-19, and the recently noted COVID-19(D) variant, has and continues to cause an acute and persistent spike in newly transmitted cases. However, noted and persistent declining rates of infection and community-wide spread have allowed this Circuit's courts to resume Grand Jury and Trial deliberations subject to this Order. More particularly, monitoring information maintained by District 2, of the Georgia Department of Public Health (hereafter "DPH Region 2"), and information from local hospital authorities, it is evident that while COVID-19(D) is aggressively contagious and is causing individuals within these communities to experience significant levels of serious illness, these levels have begun to decline since the September 13th entry of the initial Order. In support thereof, and as further basis for the issuance of this Order, the "EPI Summary Graphs & Weekly Coronavirus Update" for each of the four respective counties within the Enotah Judicial Circuit for the respective weekly observation periods of September 13th, 2021; September 20th, 2021; September 27th, 2021; and, October 4th, 2021, as promulgated by DPH Region 2, are attached hereto as Court's Exhibits "1" through "4" respectively (with each respective exhibit constituting an eight (8) page collective exhibit). Accordingly, it SHALL be the ORDER of this Court that GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS AND TRIAL PROCEEDINGS RESUME pursuant to and guided by the modified operations guides for each county which are contained within this Order. The resumption of modified, responsible and socially distanced Grand Jury and Trial proceedings are based on the declining, yet persistent, community spread and presence of COVID-19 within the counties of the Enotah Judicial Circuit. It is the goal of this Order to ensure the continuity of Court Operations while encouraging the safe conduct of public business and the opportunity to allow for a continued decline in the ongoing Covid-19 surge. Likewise, this Order is based on the Court's

knowledge that all county jails have experienced numerous inmate cases in the last several months and the continued desire to protect at risk or controlled populations.

The previously issued Speedy Trial Tolling Order **REMAINS IN EFFECT** in all four counties within the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

In consideration of the same, O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-61 gives and vests the responsible, local judicial authority with the ability to declare or extend a local judicial emergency. **This Order establishes and declares a continued local judicial emergency.** In accordance therewith, and by operation of the same, this ORDER SHALL control and guide Court operations for all classes of court sitting within the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Court operations during the continued COVID-19 pandemic have continued and the Courts of the Enotah Judicial Circuit remain open and functioning. However, and given the continued existence of Covid-19, these operations shall continue to be subject to some defined limitations and restrictions. Some of these procedures have been encouraged by the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Georgia Judicial Council Strategic Plan Standing Committee, which have in turn utilized the CDC's best standards and practices guidelines. Specifically, the "Georgia Court Reopening Guide," which is attached hereto as Court's Exhibit "5" (with said exhibit constituting a five (5) page collective exhibit) has been utilized as a guidepost for the safe operations and functioning of both Grand Juries and Jury Trials. Likewise, and pursuant to then-Chief Justice Melton's Sixth Order Extending a Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency, each county within the Enotah Judicial Circuit constituted a "Local Committee on Resuming Grand Juries and Jury Trials." Some procedures, such as each individual county's "County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials," are hereby re-adopted and specifically incorporated into this Order.

At this time, and given the factors cited above and the continued of positive cases of COVID-19, as have been noted within the Enotah Judicial Circuit, this Order hereby directs all responsible Courtroom staff to comply with and modify Court operations so as to be consistent with this Order and each respective county's "County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials." The Enotah Judicial Circuit will implement the following precautions in order to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of litigants, lawyers, court personnel, jurors, and the public during the conduct of public business.

Accordingly, **IT IS THE ORDER** of the Court:

RESUMPTION OF GRAND JURIES AND TRIAL PROCEEDINGS:

All Grand Jury and Trial Proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to each respective county's "Plan for Resuming Jury Trials." Likewise, Grand Jury proceedings and the impaneling of the same shall be expressly subject to said county trial plans and shall remain in compliance with the "Georgia Court Reopening Guide."

This Court recognizes that during this subject thirty (30) day period, the following Grand Jury or Trial Proceedings were either previously, regularly set or specially set to commence on the following:

1. The Grand Jury of Towns County for the July 2021 Term is set to be recalled and reconvene on October 7th, 2021;
2. The Grand Jury of White County for the October 2021 Term is set to convene on and between October 18th, 2021, and October 22nd, 2021;
3. A specially set and scheduled trial term, to be heard before the Hon. James E. Cornwell, is set to occur in Union County on and between November 1st, 2021, and November 5th, 2021; and,
4. A specially set and scheduled trial term, to be heard before the Hon. Buck Levins, is set to occur in White County on and between November 1st, 2021, and November 5th, 2021.

5. The scheduled trial term, to be heard before the Hon. Raymond George that was set to occur in Lumpkin County on and between October 25th and November 5th, 2021 has been continued. The window of time necessary to notify jurors (30 days) and the time necessary to subpoena witnesses and trial prospects by both the State and Defense Counsels, passed during the 30 day order of Proclamation of Judicial/Medical Emergency dated September 13, 2021, thus causing the continuance. Both parties on each case on the Criminal Trial calendar have an absolute constitutional right to fair, effective and prepared assistance of counsel. An in-person meeting was held in the judicial chambers of the Chief Judge attended by the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender and the Lumpkin County Clerk of Superior Court, all were in agreement to continue the weeks of trial and to amend the Calendar Call notice to reflect a written answer only. The scheduled term to be heard on and between October 25th and November 5th, 2021 will be used to schedule plea dates and to handle pre-trial matters.

The conduct of these proceedings will be governed by each of the following in each respective county:

- a) **The Lumpkin County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials, which was adopted on May 14th, 2021, and is attached hereto as Court's Exhibit "6" (with said Exhibit "6" constituting a five (5) page collective exhibit);**
- b) **The Towns County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials, which was adopted on April 27th, 2021, and is attached hereto as Court's Exhibit "7" (with said Exhibit "7" constituting a six (6) page collective exhibit);**
- c) **The Union County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials, which was adopted on March 17th, 2021, and is attached hereto as Court's Exhibit "8" (with said Exhibit "8" constituting a six (6) page collective exhibit);**
- d) **The White County Plan for Resuming Jury Trials, which was adopted on April 5th, 2021, and is attached hereto as Court's Exhibit "9" (with said Exhibit "9" constituting a five (5) page collective exhibit).**

PROVIDED HOWEVER, and based on each county's previous experience and successful use of these plans, each presiding judge, in consultation with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, and the the Office of the Sheriff in each respective county, as well as relevant appearing members of the bar, may as need be amend or adapt said trial plans as they serve as operational guides, so long as said amendments remain in compliance with the Georgia Court Reopening Guide.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY AND OPERATIONS AT COURTHOUSE FACILITIES:

I. STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19

Covid-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread primarily by breathing in air when close to an infected person who is exhaling droplets and particles that contain the virus, or by such droplets contacting a person's eyes, nose, or mouth. Common symptoms of the disease include fever or the 'chills,' cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, aches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, and runny nose. In order to prevent disease transmission from occurring, no person should come to any judicial facility, or attend an in person judicial proceeding, if they are experiencing such symptoms. Nor should any person come if they have been around

anyone whom they believe may have been positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.

Any person compelled to appear at the courthouse within Lumpkin, Towns, Union, or White Counties who is nevertheless prohibited from attending an in court proceeding by operation of this Order should leave their name, contact information, and reason for appearing with the front door deputies or by telephone communication with the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the respective county in which their court appearance was required.

II. **VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**

All classes of courts are encouraged to continue to use remote video technology wherever feasible, as a safer alternative to in-person court proceedings. Such hearings in this circuit are conducted using either Zoom (or in certain instances WEBEX), both of which have mobile and desktop software applications available to use free of any charge to a participant or member of the public. Courts should give appropriate consideration and deference to the requests of attorneys and parties wishing to appear virtually given health concerns. Any virtual proceeding that is scheduled or conducted within the ENOTAH Judicial Circuit shall be noticed (as is the case with every regular-in-court proceeding) and the same shall be broadcast into the respective live (physical courtroom) that it would otherwise take place in so as to ensure the CONSTITUTIONAL imperative that all court proceedings be conducted openly and publicly.

All, in-custody, non-trial Jail Proceedings SHALL BE CONDUCTED in each of the four counties via video conferencing during this thirty (30) day period.

III. **FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING A COURTHOUSE**

Current guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that ALL people wear masks in public settings regardless of vaccine status. Therefore, in keeping with this circuit's desire and practice of seeking out and abiding by the best medical advice available, the Sheriff and his deputies SHALL require ALL PERSONS ENTERING A COURTHOUSE to wear face coverings over their mouth and nose. A 'face covering' includes but is not limited to a cloth or disposable mask but shall not include masks with vents or holes.

Such face coverings shall be supplied and made available to every person entering the facility, and clearly observable signs requiring such use SHALL be posted at appropriate entrances.

Additionally, the Sheriff and his deputies SHALL strongly encourage and positively encourage all persons in the county courthouse to wear a face covering while within the public space or attending county offices.

A violation of these requirements during an live, in-court proceeding SHALL be subject to immediate contempt hearing before the presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

IV. **STAGGERED OR DIVIDED CALENDARS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**

All classes of courts are strongly encouraged to avoid, whenever possible, any scheduling practice that is likely to result in a large number of participants (particularly those that exceed the social distancing requirements of any given courtroom). It is further strongly encouraged that court calendars and the scheduling of hearing and live proceedings be carried out in such a way as to allow for the staggered arrival and departure of participants. Likewise, when feasible calendar calls and arraignment should appear by "flight" or in staggered fashion shall also be advised.

V. **OTHER BASIC MEASURES**

Other basic preventative measures should continue to be taken in all classes of court, including but not limited to:

- 1) Making hand sanitizer stations available;
- 2) Disinfecting high-volume public areas within the courtrooms daily;
- 3) Displaying signs in the courtrooms, corridors, and restrooms that encourage good hygiene and the washing of hands;
- 4) Requiring sick or exposed litigators or courtroom personnel to take time off of work remotely.

VI. **TEMPERATURE CHECKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE AND ATTENDANCE**

The Sheriff and his deputies SHALL NOT allow any person with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit to enter or remain within any live court proceeding.

VII. **EFFECTIVE DURATION OF THIS OPERATIONAL ORDER**

The term of this Order shall begin on, October 13th, 2021, at 8:00 A.M., and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days thereafter, unless said Order is otherwise, extended, revised, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to and by operation of O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-63, that the Sheriffs of Lumpkin, Towns, Union and White Counties SHALL post this Order on their public notification site and in the Courthouse of each respective County within the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of this ORDER on the Judges and Clerks of ALL COURTS sitting within the ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

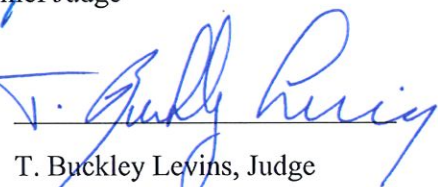
IT IS SO ORDERED, this 5 day of October, 2021.


Raymond E. George, Chief Judge

Enotah Judicial Circuit


Joy R. Parks, Judge

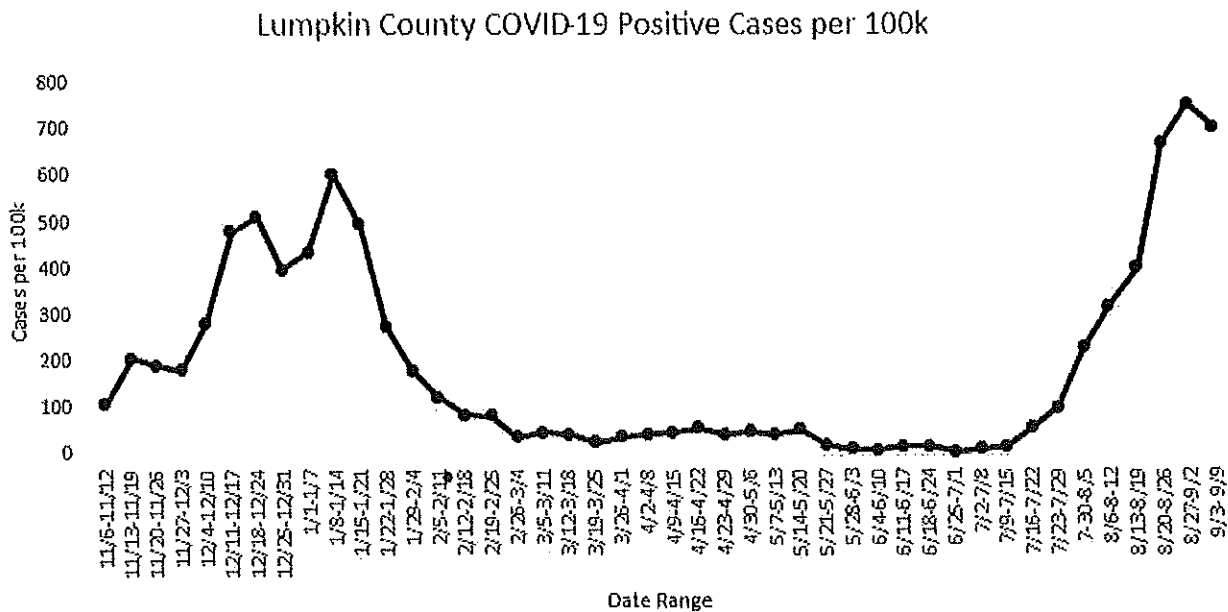
Enotah Judicial Circuit


T. Buckley Levins, Judge

Enotah Judicial Circuit

LUMPKIN COUNTY – September 13, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
4,017	1,485	22.4%	75

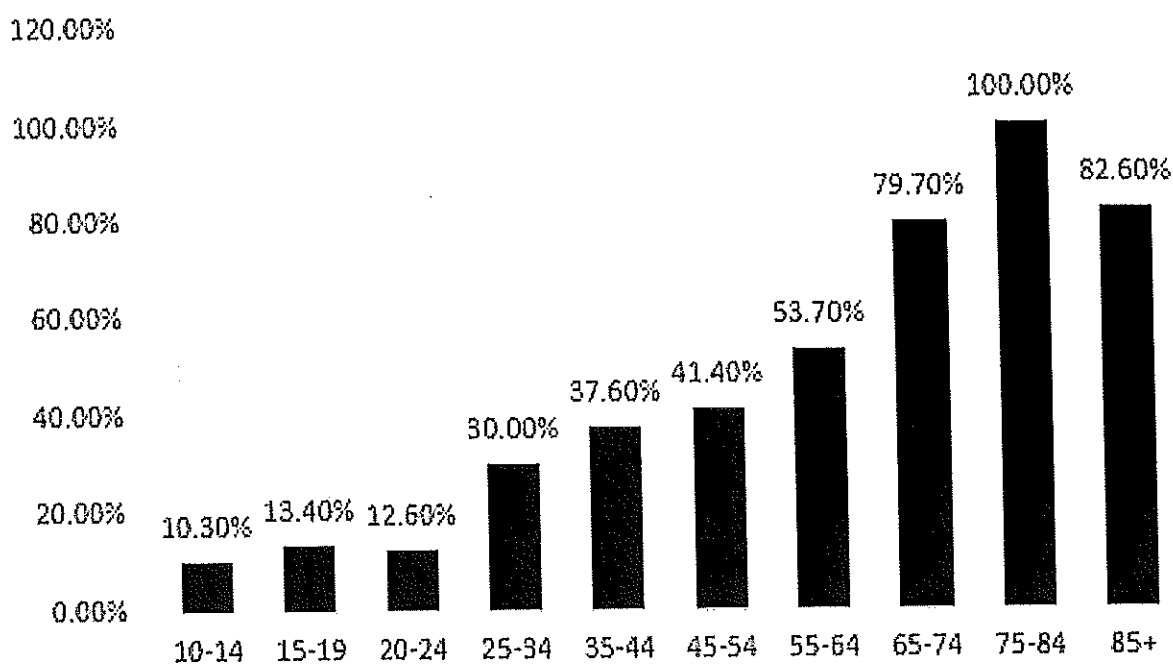


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*Graph above shows weekly changes in COVID cases. The case rate reported in the graph is approximately half of the 14 day case rate.

Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,926 (67,668 per 100K)	12,921	11,846 (37% population)	10,475 (32% population)

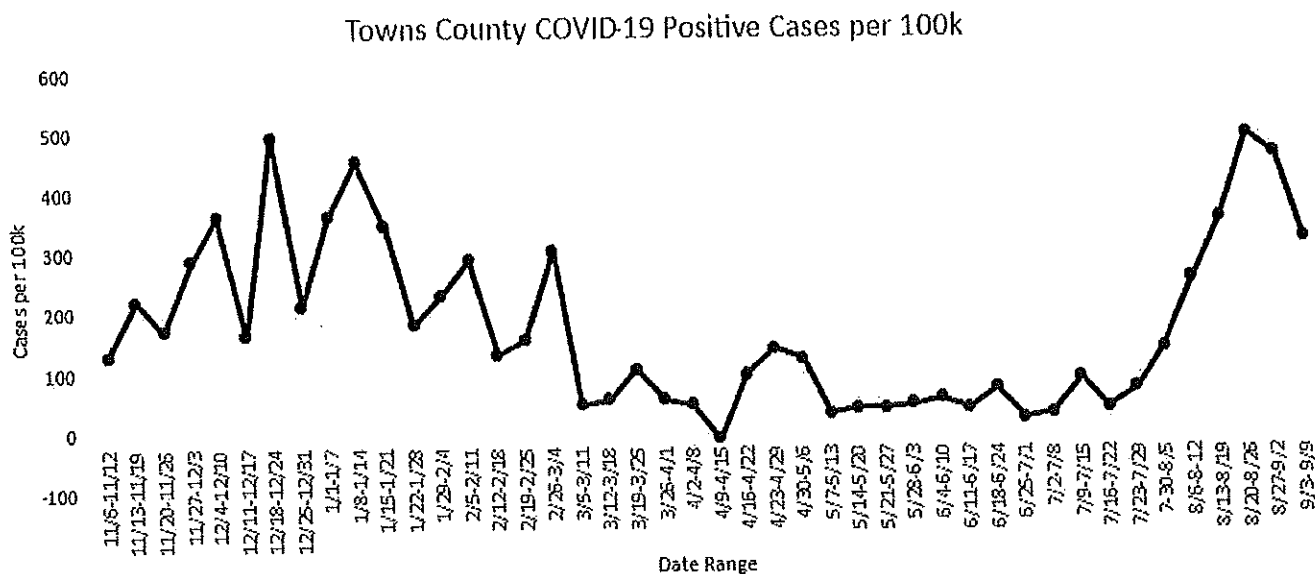
Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: Lumpkin County Health Department has provided 12,921 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 21,926 vaccines have been administered in Lumpkin County. This includes 11,846 residents with one dose; 10,475 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

TOWNS COUNTY – September 13, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total deaths
1,437	723	21.7%	57

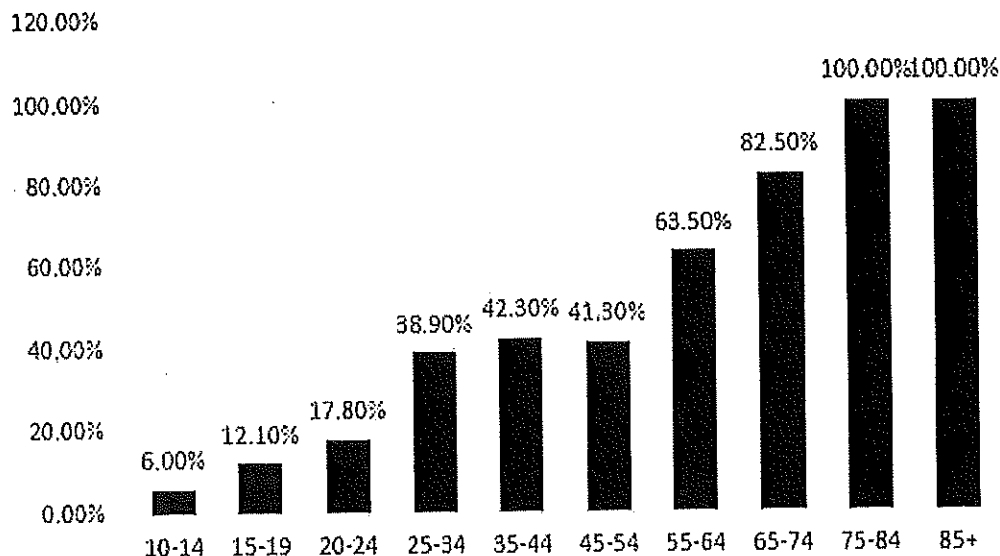


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
11,528 (99,233 per 100K)	4,077	6,048 (52% population)	5,488 (47% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



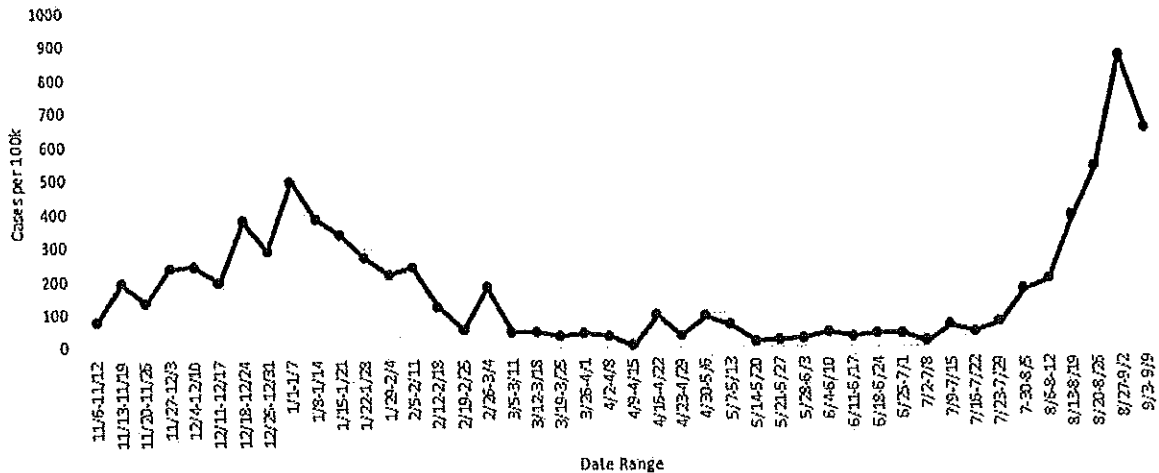
VACCINE SUMMARY: Towns County Health Department has provided 4,077 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 11,528 vaccines have been administered in Towns County. This includes at least 6,048 residents with one dose; 5,488 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

UNION COUNTY – September 13, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
2,864	1,259	27.8%	89

Union County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

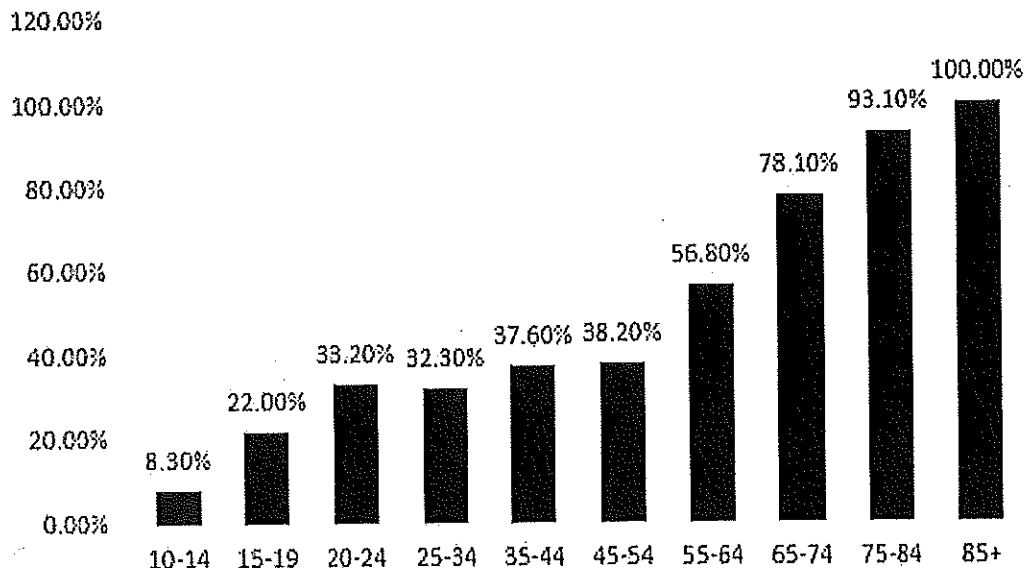


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,291 (91,414 per 100K)	12,592	11,406 (49% population)	10,244 (44% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



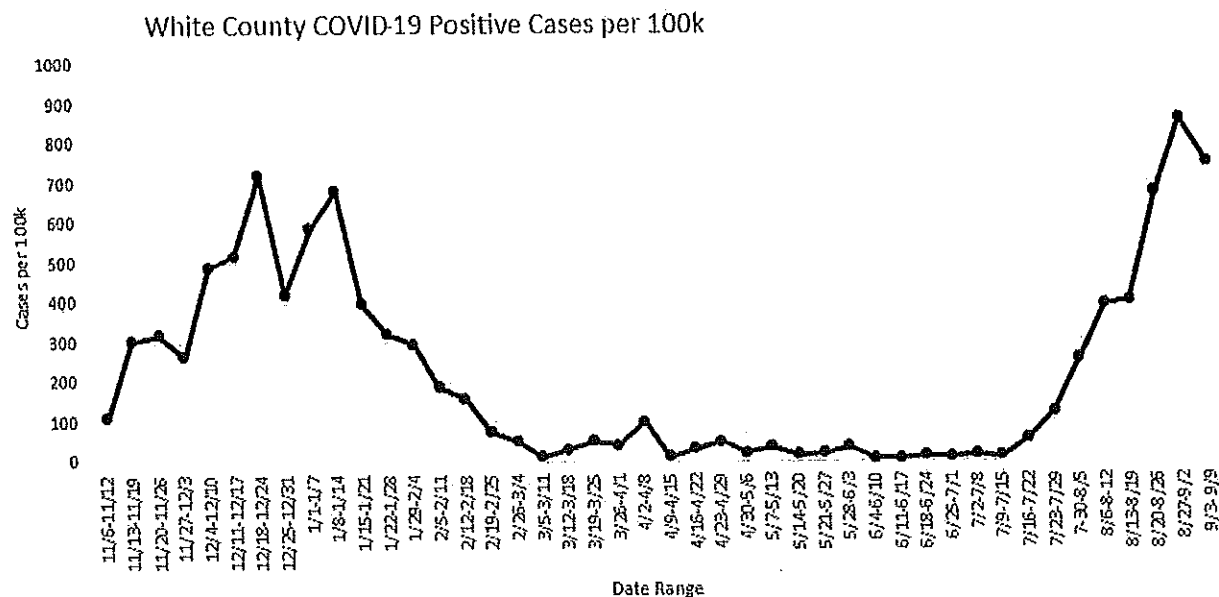
VACCINE SUMMARY: Union County Health Department has provided 12,592 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 21,291 vaccines have been

administered in Union County. This includes at least 11,406 residents with one dose; 10,244 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

WHITE COUNTY – September 13, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

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4,144	1,530	26.8%	91

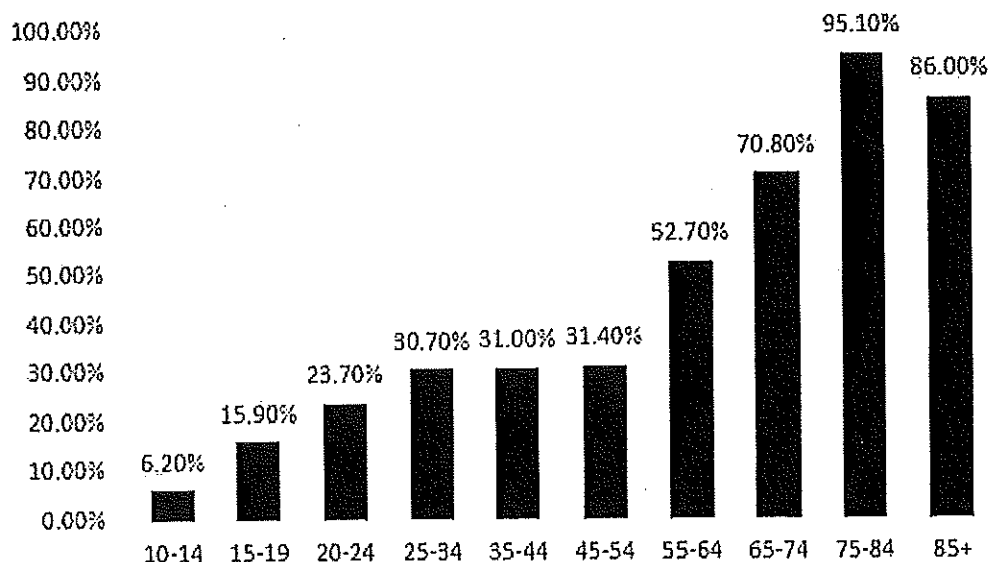


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
20,508 (69,544 per 100K)	9,423	11,134 (38% population)	9,717 (33% population)

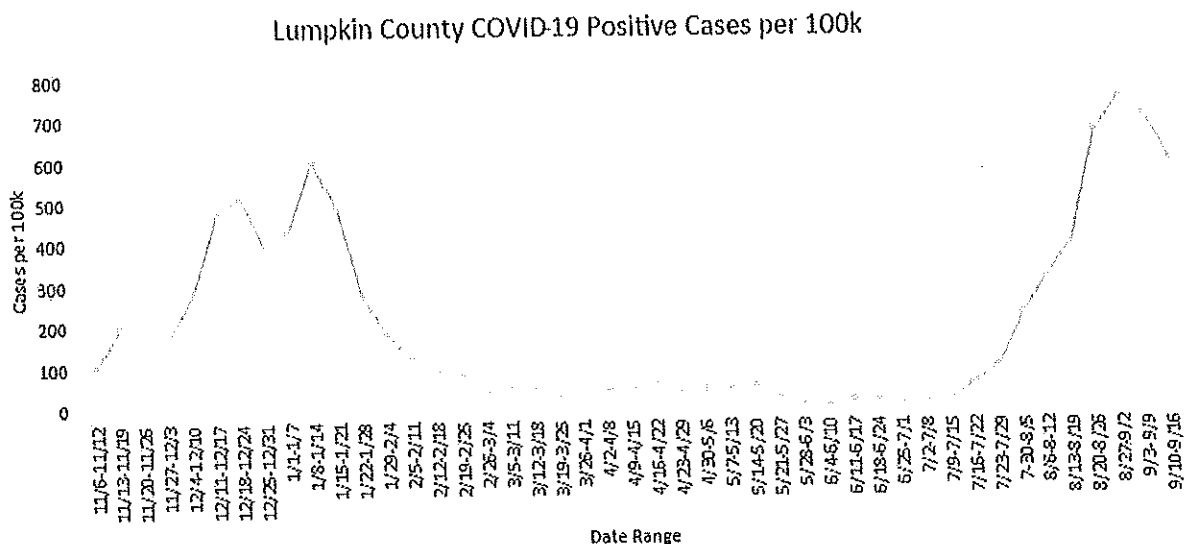
Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: White County Health Department has provided 9,423 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 20,508 vaccines have been administered in White County. This includes 11,134 residents with one dose; 9,717 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

LUMPKIN COUNTY – September 20, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

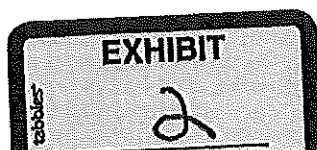
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4,186	1,216	20.6%	76



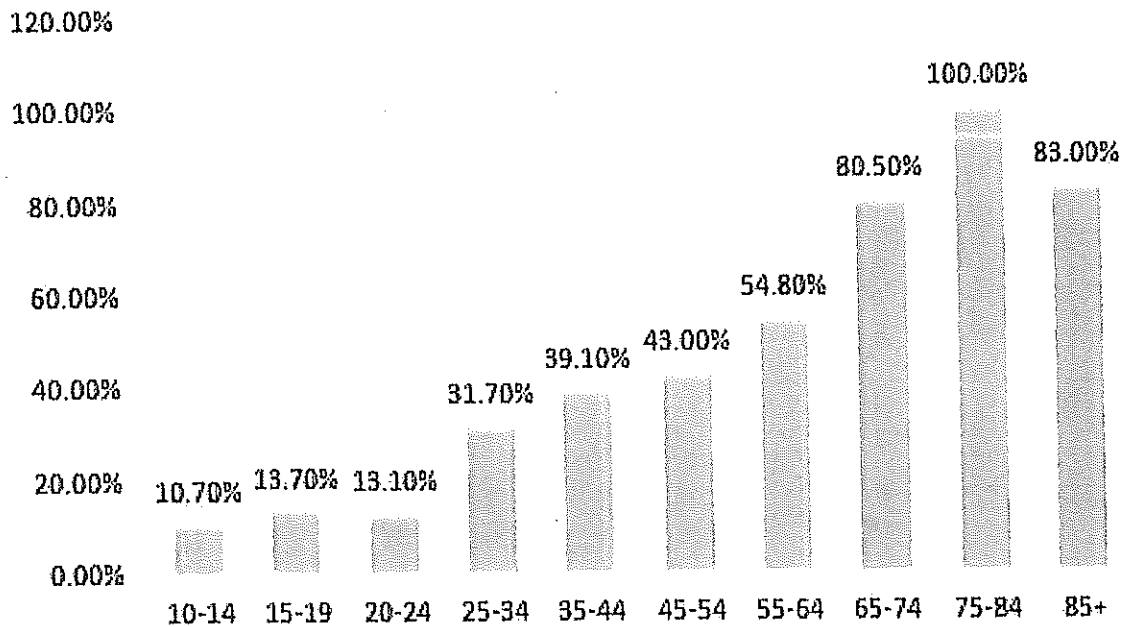
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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
22,501 (69,443 per 100K)	12,988	12,132 (37% population)	10,739 (33% population)



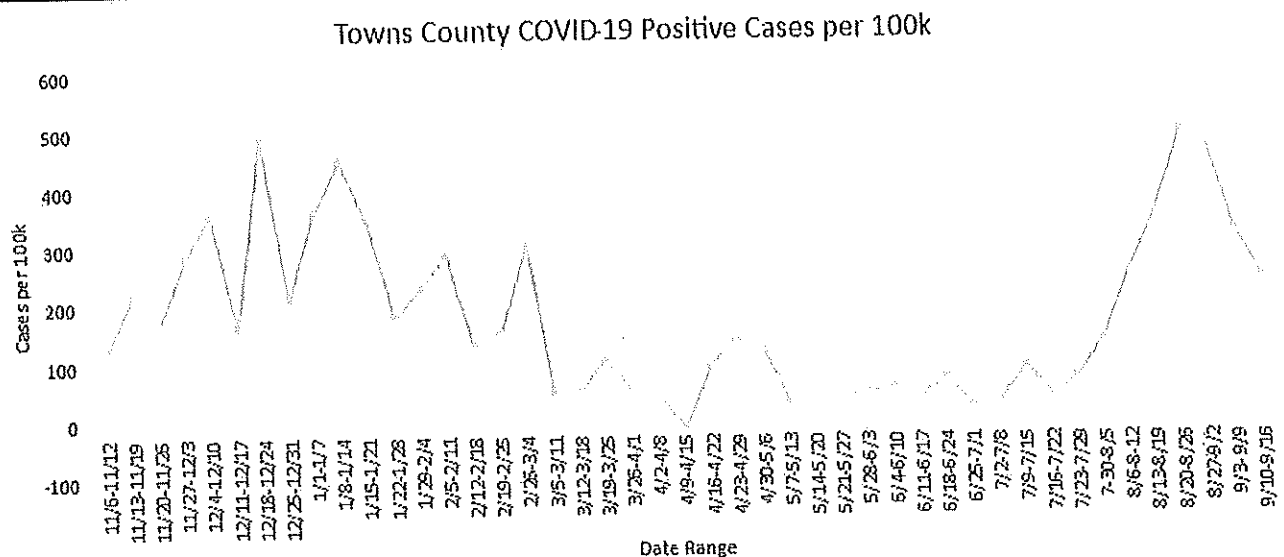
Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: Lumpkin County Health Department has provided 12,988 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 22,501 vaccines have been administered in Lumpkin County. This includes 12,132 residents with one dose; 10,739 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

TOWNS COUNTY – September 20, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total deaths
1,459	499	16.1%	58

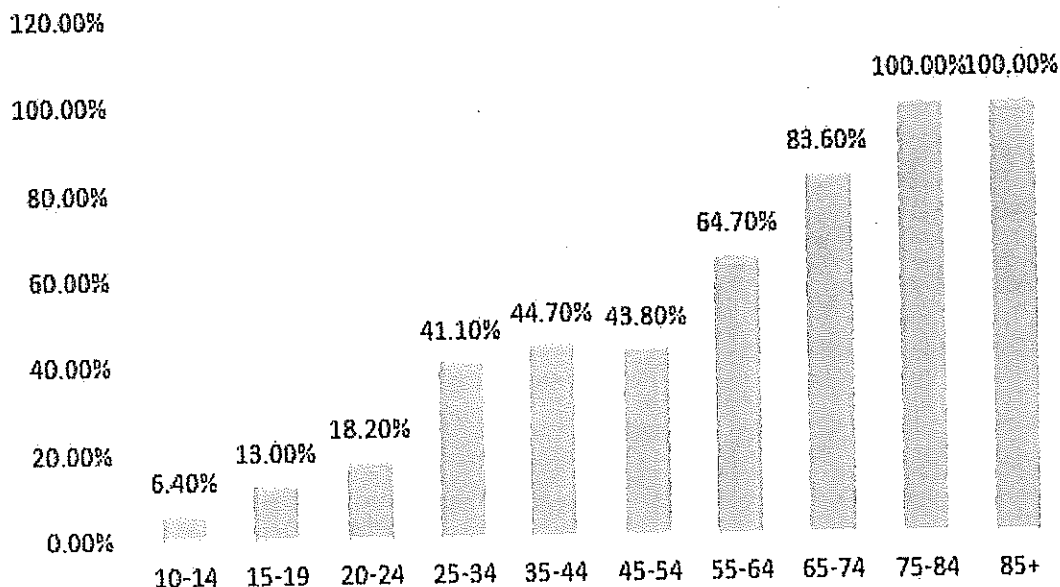


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
11,789 (101,480 per 100K)	4,122	6,185 (53% population)	5,598 (48% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age

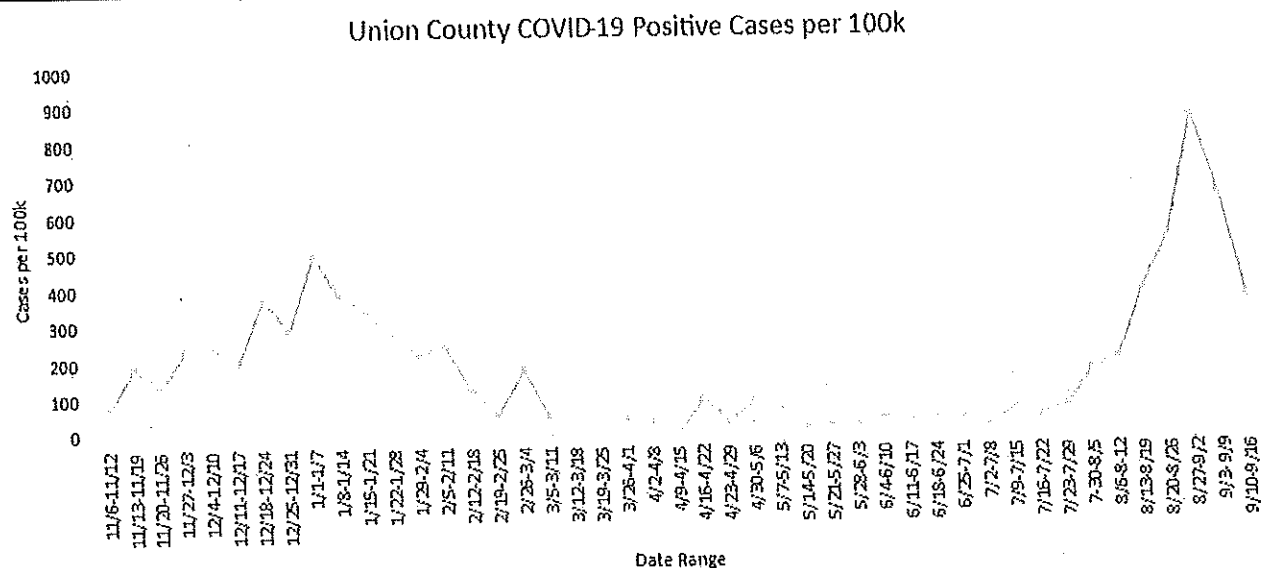


VACCINE SUMMARY: Towns County Health Department has provided 4,122 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 11,789 vaccines have been administered in Towns County. This includes at least 6,185 residents with one dose; 5,598 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

UNION COUNTY – September 20, 2021

Coronavirus Update

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
2,957	939	20%	93

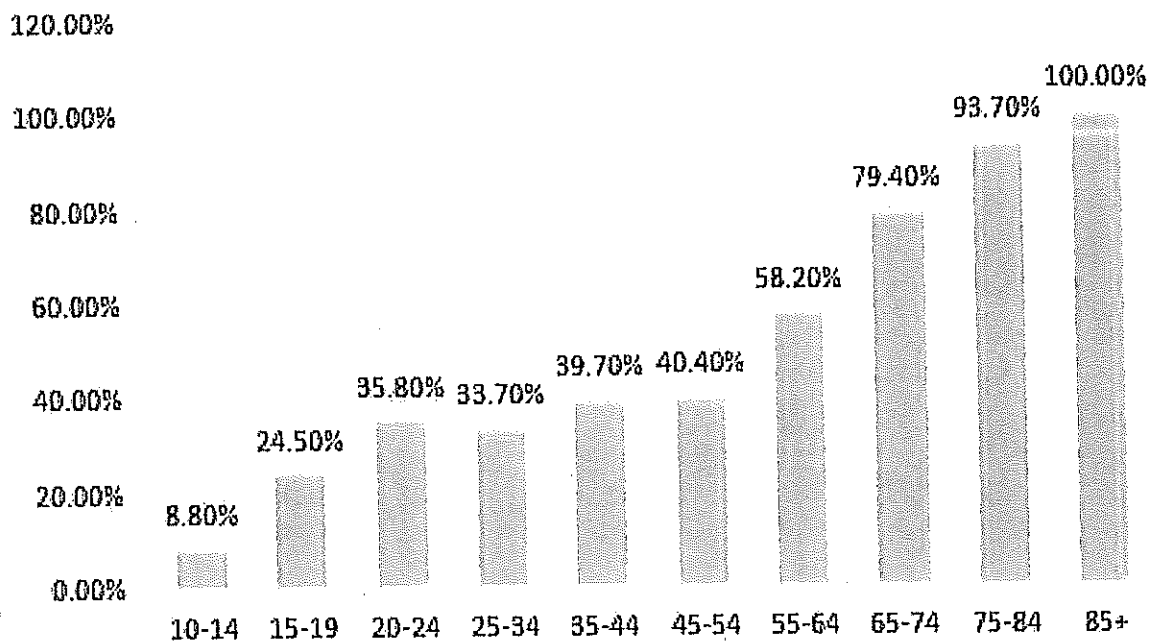


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,884 (93,971 per 100K)	12,715	11,714 (50% population)	10,503 (45% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



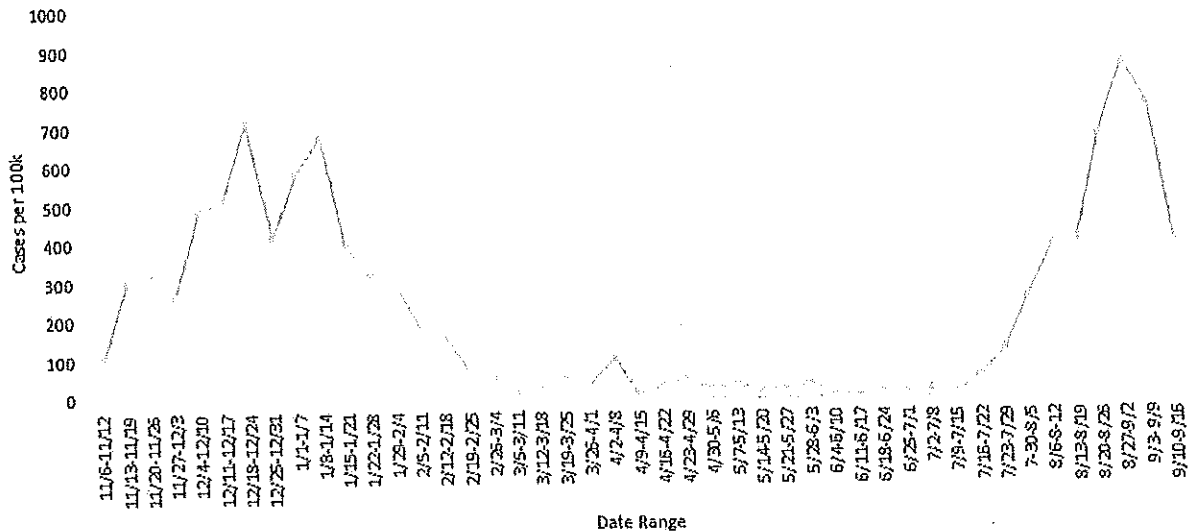
VACCINE SUMMARY: Union County Health Department has provided 12,715 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 21,884 vaccines have been administered in Union County. This includes at least 11,714 residents with one dose; 10,503 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

WHITE COUNTY – September 20, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
4,253	1,052	20.5%	94

White County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

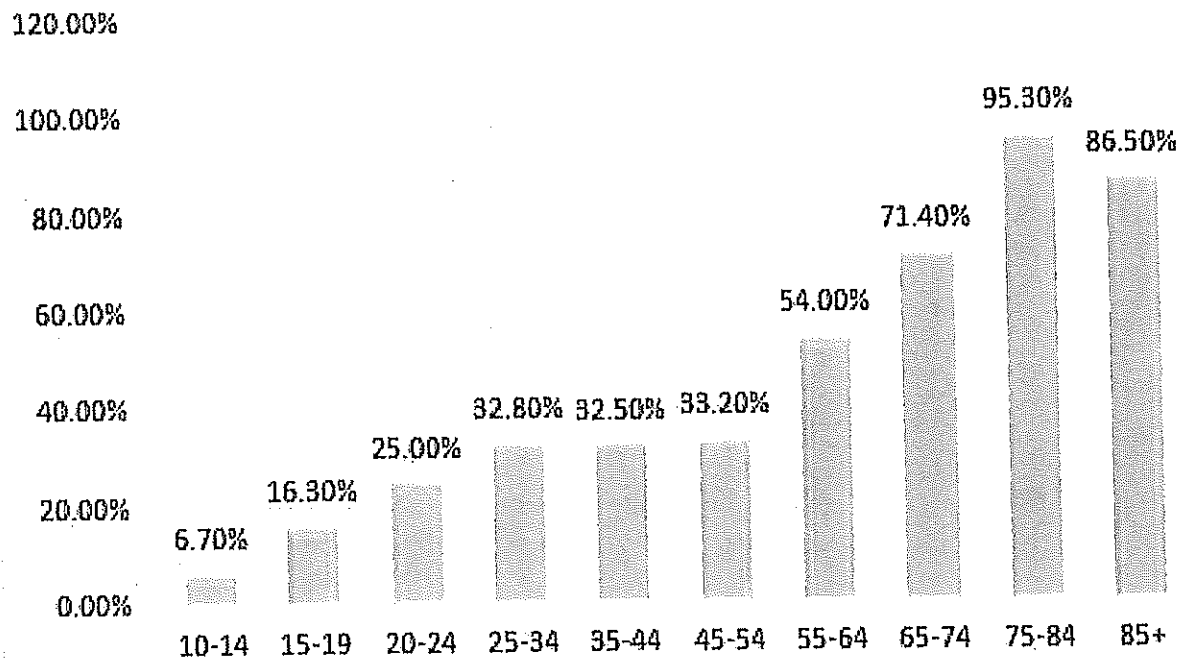


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,131 (71,657 per 100K)	9,446	11,435 (39% population)	10,009 (34% population)

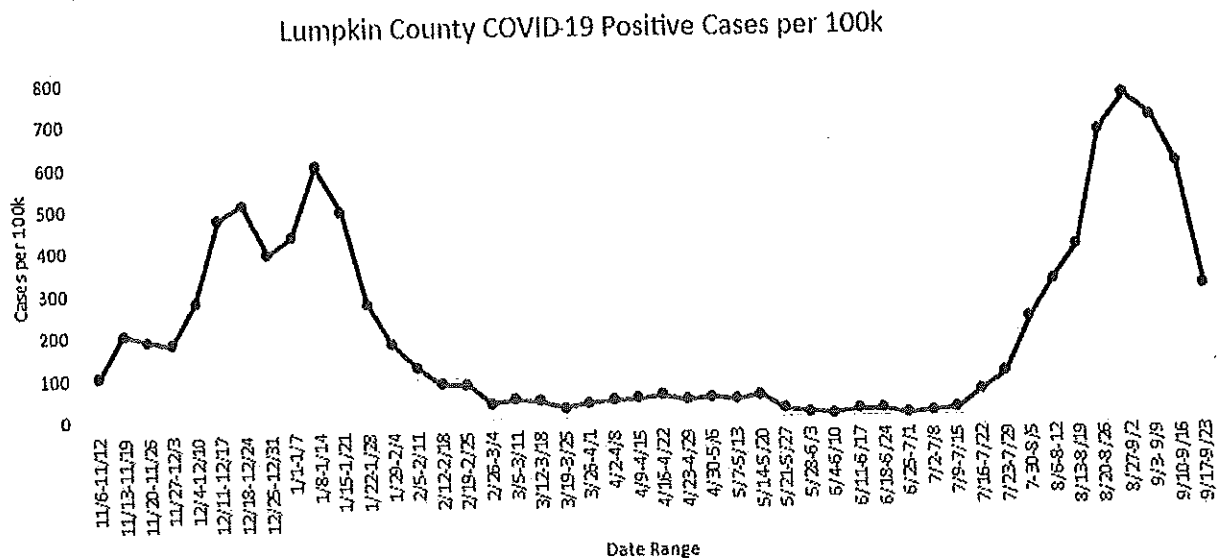
Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: White County Health Department has provided 9,446 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 21,131 vaccines have been administered in White County. This includes 11,435 residents with one dose; 10,009 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

LUMPKIN COUNTY – September 27, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
4,280	772	16.2%	78

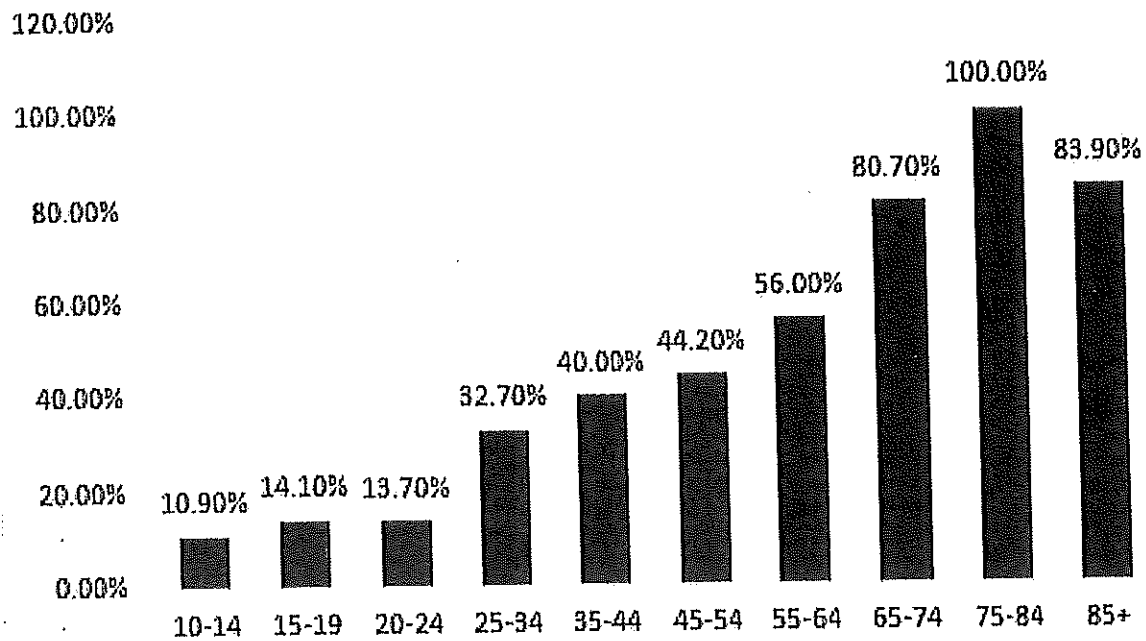


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
23,018 (71,038 per 100K)	13,041	12,359 (38% population)	11,006 (34% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age

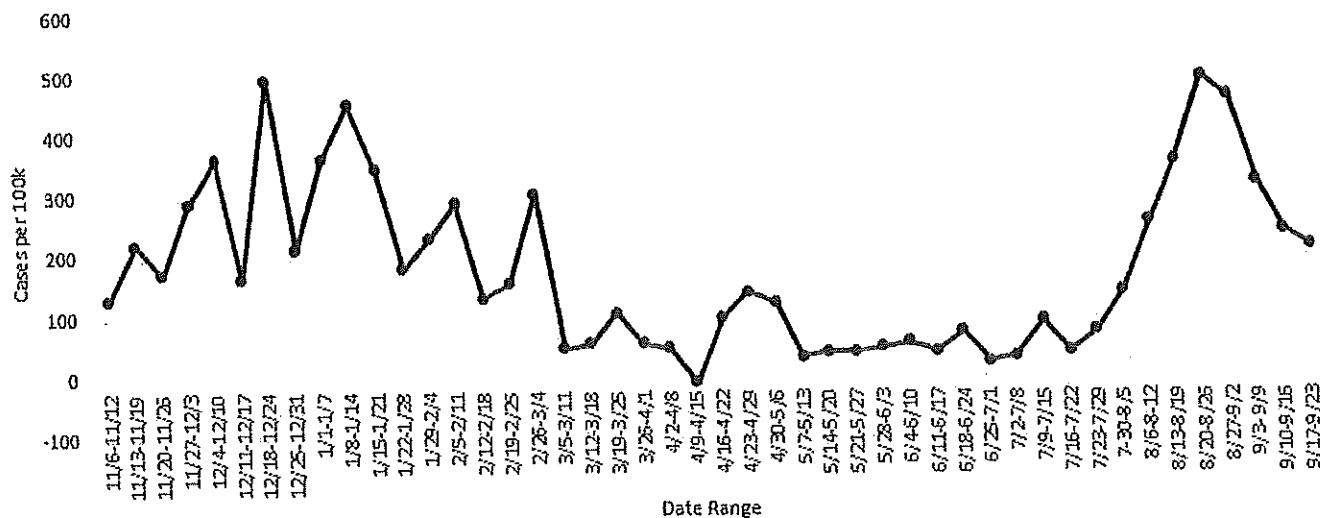


VACCINE SUMMARY: Lumpkin County Health Department has provided 13,041 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 23,018 vaccines have been administered in Lumpkin County. This includes 12,359 residents with one dose; 11,006 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

TOWNS COUNTY – September 27, 2021 Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total deaths
1,489	407	14.7%	59

Towns County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

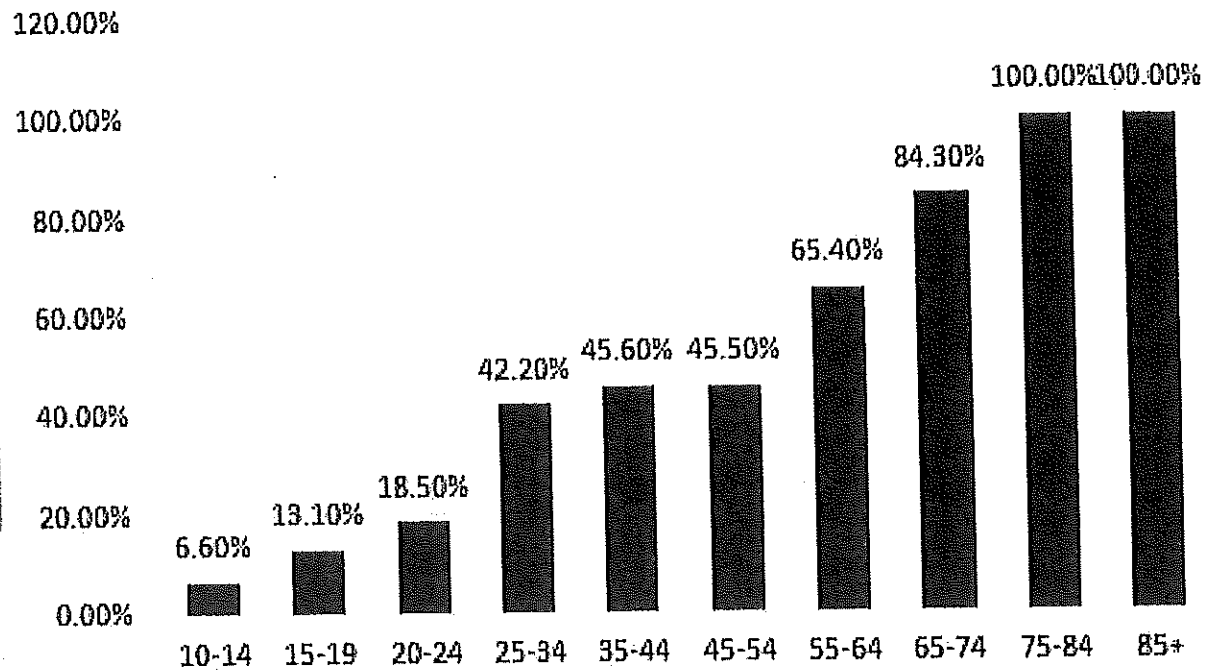


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
11,995 (103,253 per 100K)	4,214	6,265 (54% population)	5,715 (49% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



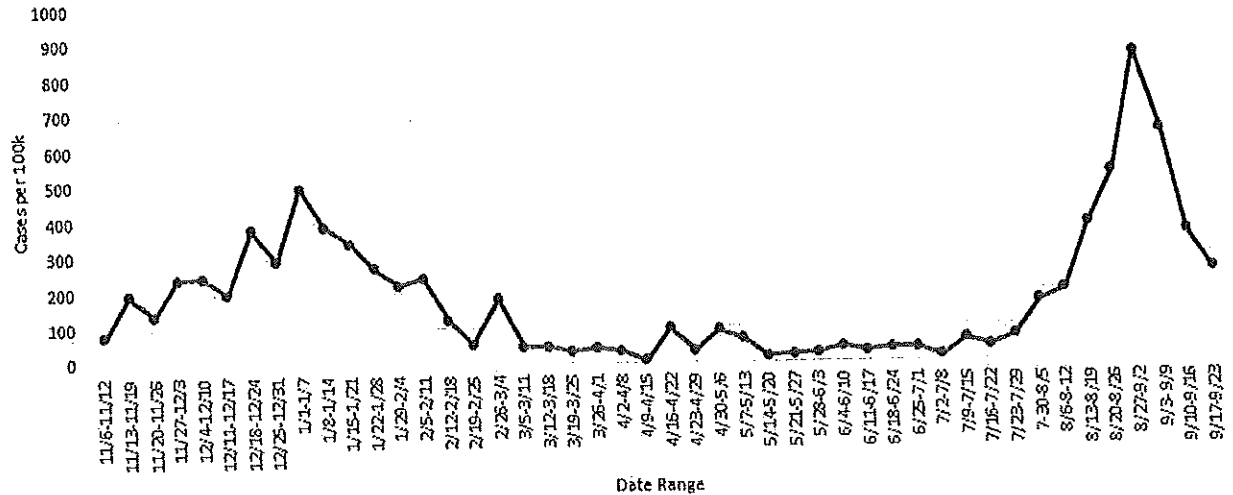
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UNION COUNTY – September 27, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
3,008	557	16.7%	97

Union County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

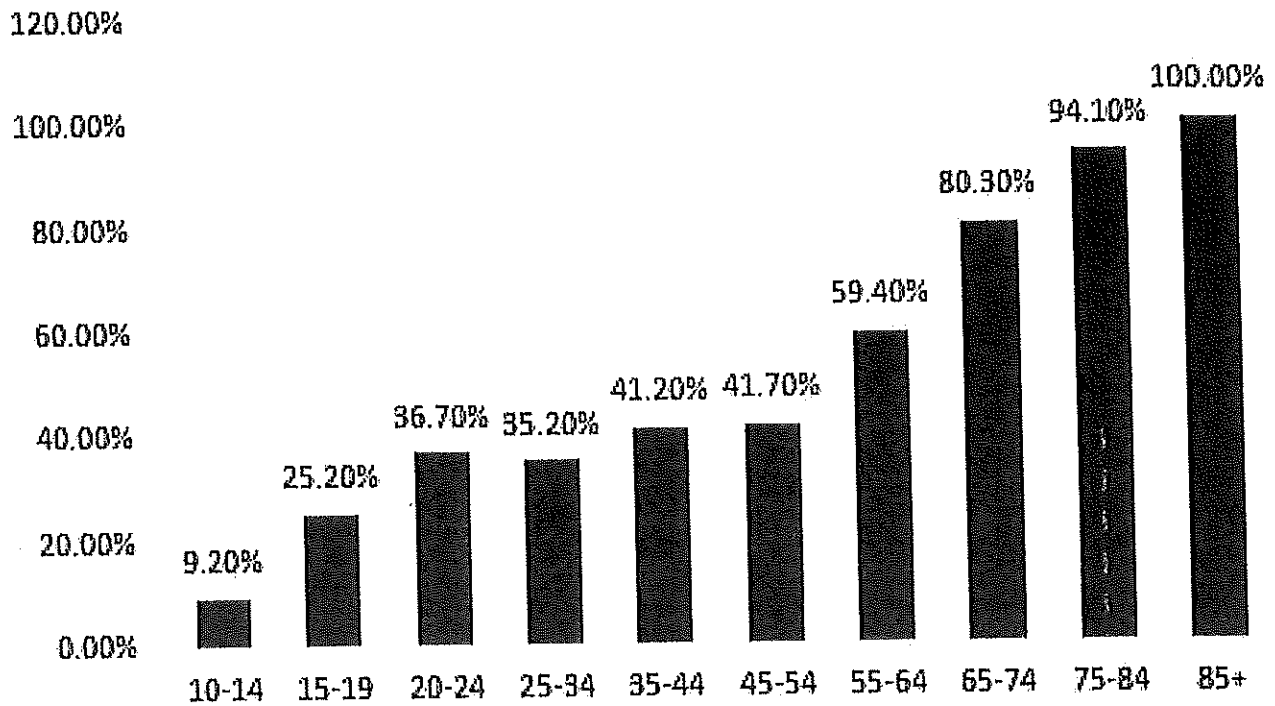


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
22,364 (96,032 per 100K)	12,829	11,922 (51% population)	10,767 (456 population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



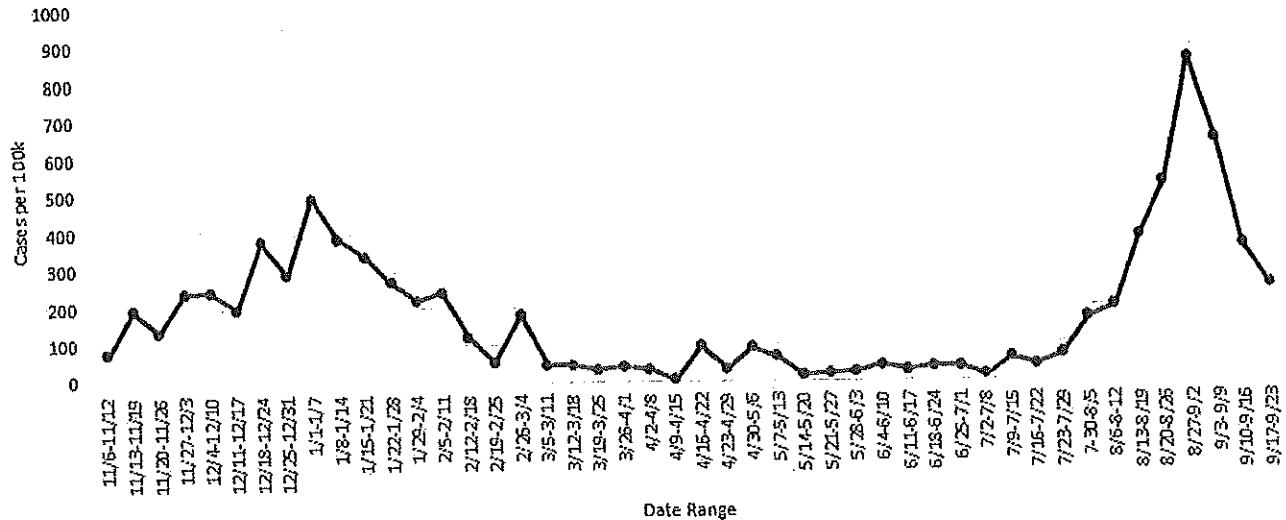
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WHITE COUNTY – September 27, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

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4,320	548	13.6%	99

Union County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

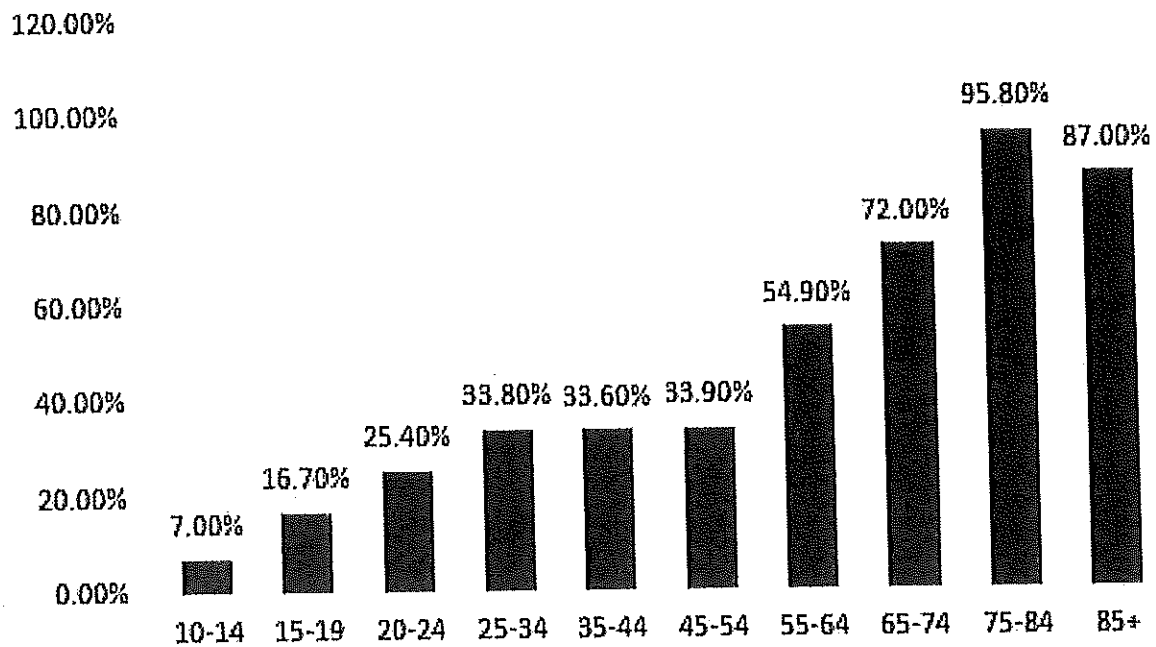


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,640 (73,383 per 100K)	9,508	11,616 (39% population)	10,322 (35% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



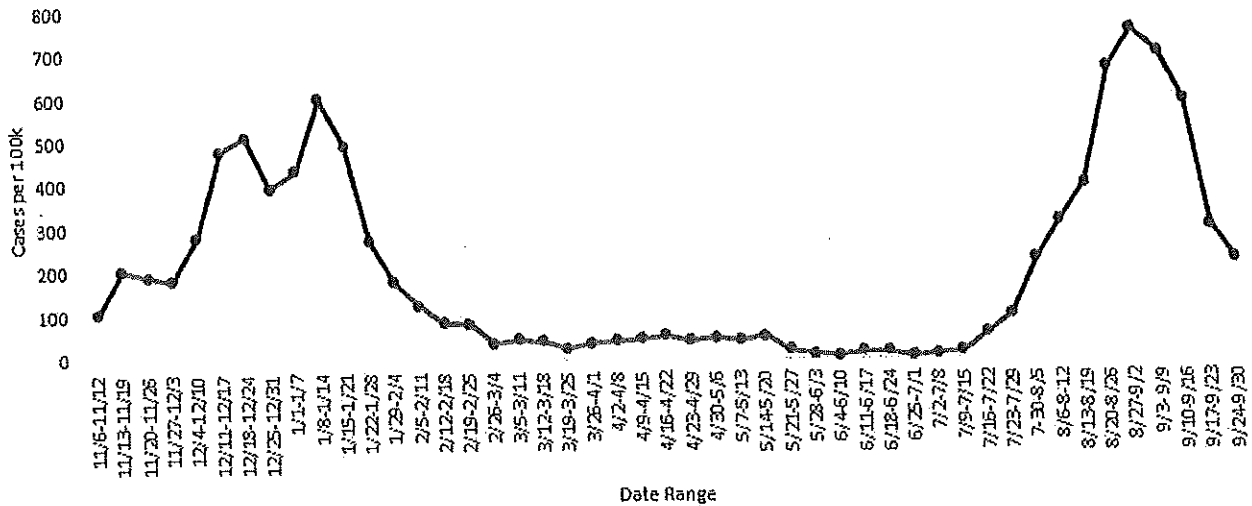
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LUMPKIN COUNTY – October 4, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total Deaths
4,347	479	16.0%	79

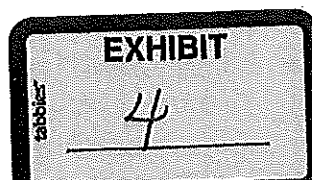
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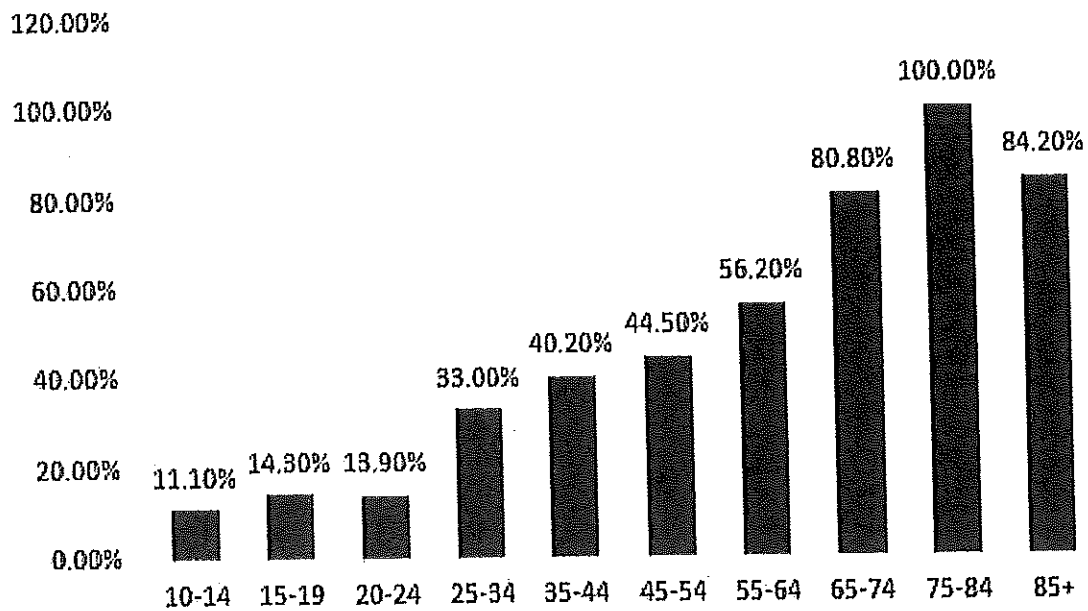
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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
23,328 (71,995 per 100K)	13,090	12,420 (38% population)	11,182 (35% population)



Percent Vaccinated by Age



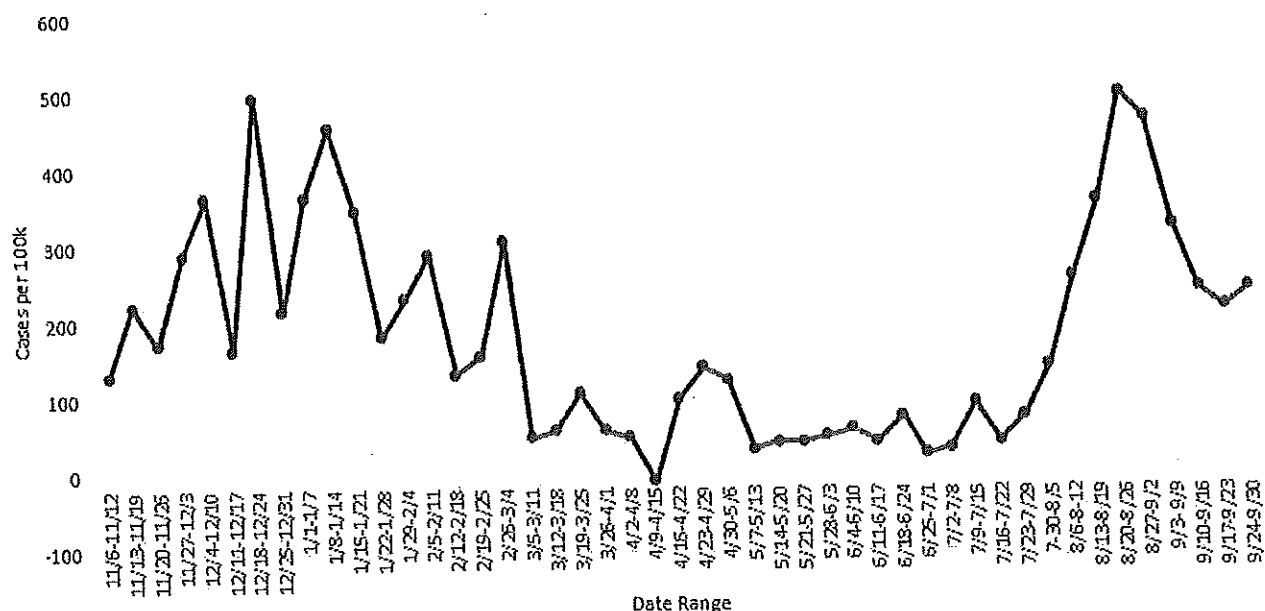
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TOWNS COUNTY – October 4, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

Cumulative Cases	14 Day Case Rate (per 100K)	% Positive over last 2 weeks	Total deaths
1,513	399	16.7%	62

Towns County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

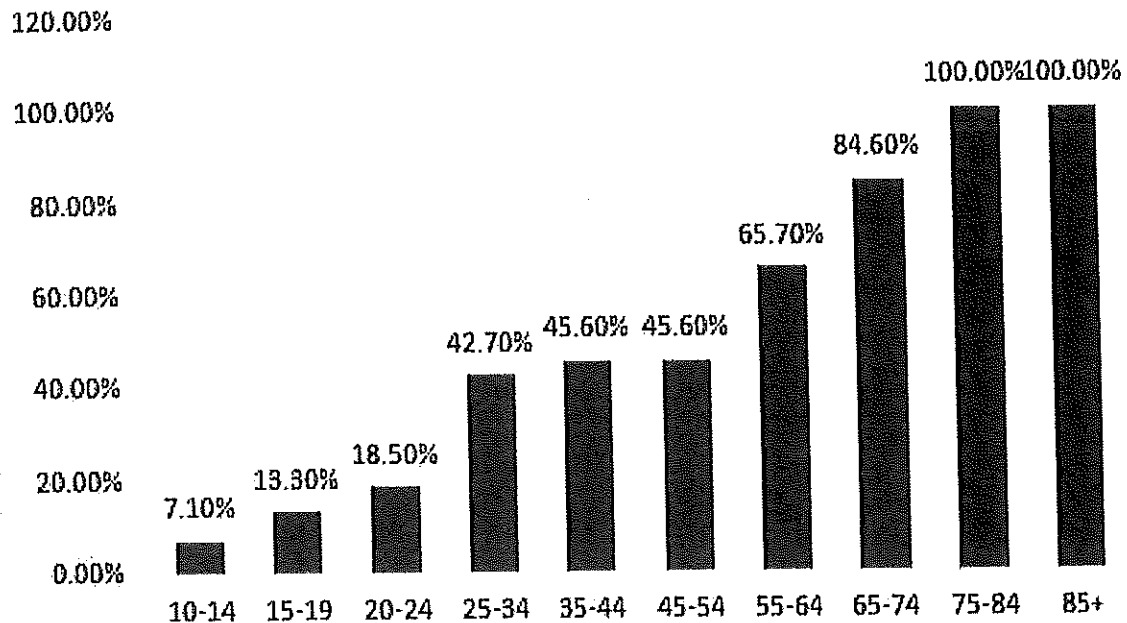


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
12,102 (104,174 per 100K)	4,241	6,293 (54% population)	5,774 (50% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



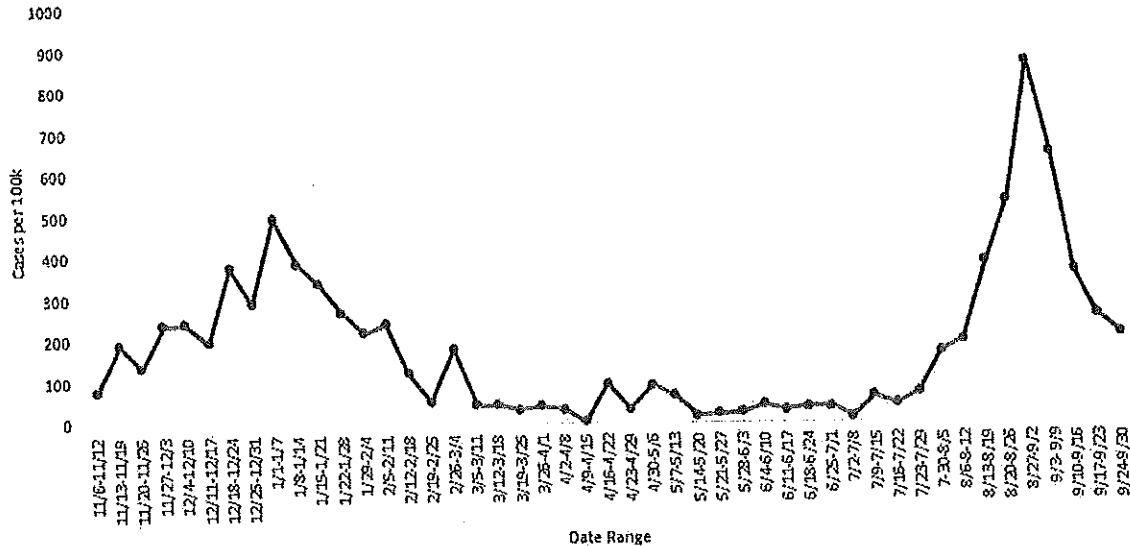
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UNION COUNTY – October 4, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

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3,057	403	17.2%	98

Union County COVID-19 Positive Cases per 100k

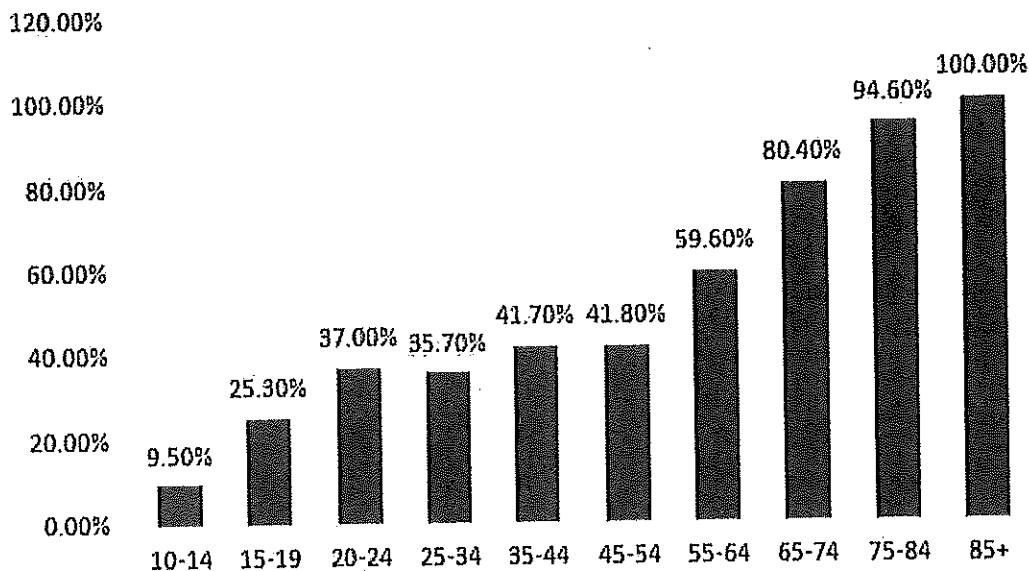


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
22,611 (97,092 per 100K)	12,932	11,973 (51% population)	10,904 (47% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: Union County Health Department has provided 12,932 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 22,611 vaccines have been administered in Union County. This includes at least 11,973 residents with one dose; 10,904 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.

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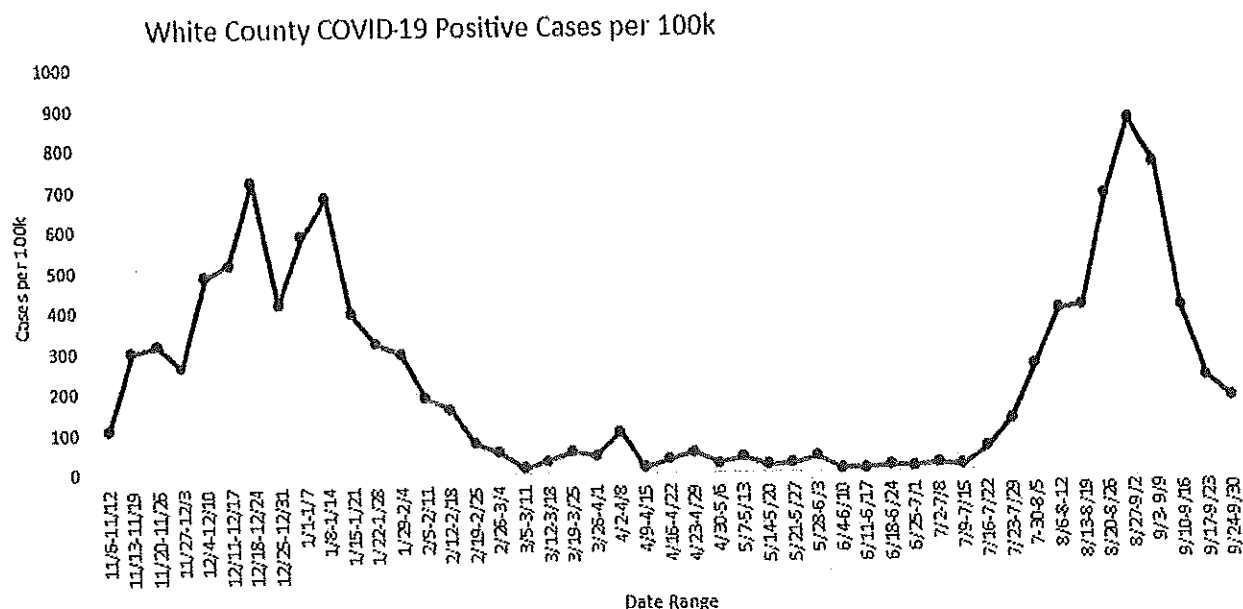
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WHITE COUNTY – October 4, 2021

Coronavirus *Update*

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4,365	359	10.8%	100

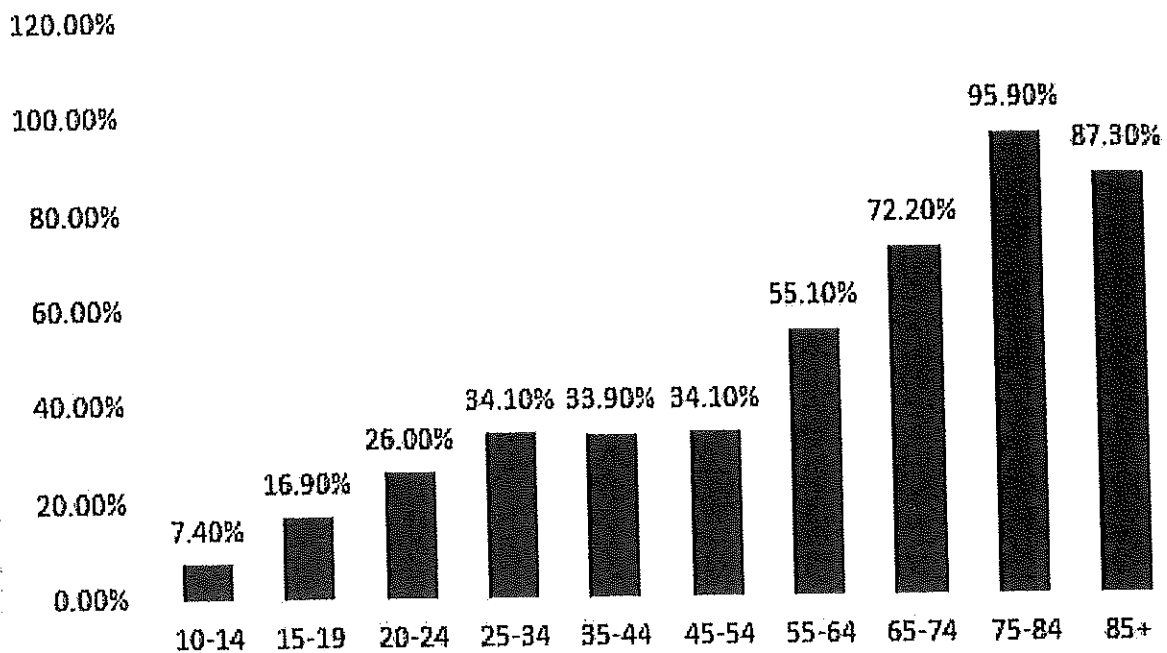


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Vaccines Administered	Vaccines Administered by Health Department	Residents with one dose	Residents with two doses
21,980 (74,536 per 100K)	9,558	11,685 (40% population)	10,512 (36% population)

Percent Vaccinated by Age



VACCINE SUMMARY: White County Health Department has provided 9,558 vaccinations. Health department vaccination numbers may include individuals who live outside of the county. A total of 21,980 vaccines have been administered in White County. This includes 11,685 residents with one dose; 10,512 residents with two doses or fully vaccinated.



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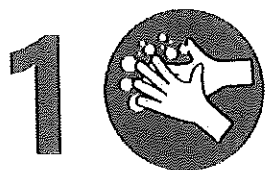
Judicial Council Strategic Plan
Standing Committee

When the courts reopen, certain general practices will need to be followed to ensure the health and safety of both court employees and the public. Due to the wide variety of courts across the State, it is impossible to create a one-size-fits-all COVID-19 policy that will work for both small and larger localities. There are, however, certain general practices that could be applied to all courts and adjusted where necessary to meet the unique needs of each court. The practices presented here are to assist all Georgia courts meet the challenges of resuming operations in the wake of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

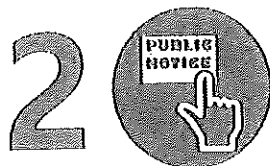
Guiding Principles

- ✓ Reduce the transmission of COVID-19 among court employees and the public.
- ✓ Maintain healthy court operations and facilities for the public.
- ✓ Maintain a healthy work environment for court employees.
- ✓ Exercise flexibility when applying these guidelines to ensure each litigant receives a fair hearing as required by law.

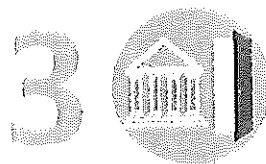
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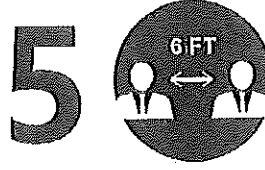
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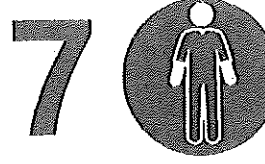
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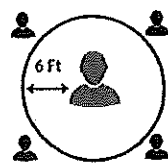


General Infection Control Measures



members of the public seeking entry who do not have one.

Require all employees and the public to wear a mask or face covering when entering the court facility. If possible, provide a mask to employees and



Limit room capacity throughout the court facility. Calculate room capacity using the area of a circle with a radius of six feet, which is equal to approximately 113 square feet per person. Use your best judgment to adjust this calculation to the specific layout of each room and to accommodate cohabitating groups sitting together.

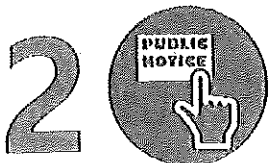
- **Provide the public with access** to handwashing and multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility.
- **Provide signage** to direct the public to bathrooms for handwashing and hand sanitizer stations.
- **Request that housekeeping personnel clean and sanitize bathrooms and other areas** more frequently and adequately to control the transmission of COVID-19.
- **Restrooms should be well-stocked** with soap and paper towels at all times.
- **Post signage limiting restroom capacity** to facilitate social distancing.
- **Prohibit the use** of water fountains.
- **Consider physical barriers** like plexiglass to protect court employees and the public.
- **Permit employees and the public to wear their own protective equipment**, including a face covering.
- **Any person not wearing a mask** should remain at least ten feet away from other people.
- **Ventilation system:** Work with public health to evaluate ventilation needs. The CDC recommends

Maintain Safe Behavioral Practices

- ✓ Frequently wash hands or use alcohol-based (at least 60 percent alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- ✓ Wear a mask or other face covering. If wearing a mask would negatively impact a litigant's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.
- ✓ Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ✓ Stay at least six feet (about two arms' length) from other people.
- ✓ Stay home when sick.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including door handles, security bins, countertops, public access computers, and seating throughout the facility.

improving central air filtration to a MERV-13 filter or the highest compatible with the filter rack, as well as sealing the edges of the filter to limit bypass.

- **Locate additional space:** Identify other government facility space to provide more room, e.g., commission meeting rooms, jury assembly rooms, auditoriums, etc.
- **Coordinate your efforts** with the other tenants in your building to ensure uniform practices throughout the facility.
- **Isolate persons who become symptomatic** while in the court facility until they are able to leave and remove others from any rooms they have occupied.
- **Consult a public health or medical professional** if you have questions or need help adapting these guidelines to your unique circumstances.



Provide Notice to the Public of Increased Health and Safety Measures



Modify the existing hearing notice to include that the court has taken certain health and safety measures to limit the transmission of COVID-19.

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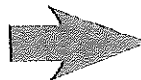
Add information to the existing hearing notice about how to contact the court to request a continuance in the event that the noticed party:

- ✓ Is currently infected with COVID-19 or in quarantine due to exposure to a person with COVID-19.
- ✓ Is a member of an immune-compromised or medically fragile population (or living in a household with someone who is immune-compromised or medically fragile).
- ✓ Is over age 65.
- ✓ Has small children but does not have child care due to COVID-19.

Include information about how to request a reasonable and necessary accommodation in advance of arriving to court, such as an interpreter.

Post adequate signage to provide the public with instructions on how to comply with health and safety measures.

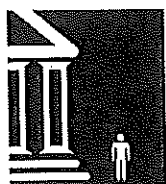
Post signage and floor decals to direct the flow of foot traffic throughout the court facility.



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Provide Healthy and Safe Access to the Courtroom



SCREENING

Establish a process to screen individuals for COVID-19 before entering the court building and the courtroom.

Ask a series of questions to each individual before or upon entry to the building, such as:

- ? Whether or not they have traveled to or from any areas in which COVID-19 is particularly active.
- ? If they have, within the past ten days, experienced symptoms of COVID-19, including: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever above 100.0 degrees, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, or new loss of taste or smell.
- ? If they have been in contact with someone known to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- ? If they have been tested for the virus and the result of such test.
- ? If possible, take the temperature of each individual seeking to enter the building with a no-contact thermometer and deny entry to anyone with a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher. Persons reporting a fever above 100.0 degrees in the past 72 hours should also be denied entry.
- ? Any person denied entry for health reasons should have his or her case continued and be advised to seek medical evaluation and testing.
- ? The following information should be collected from any person denied entry for health reasons: name, contact information, the court he or she was scheduled to attend and why, and the specific reason for denying entry.

STAGING

Individuals should not congregate in common areas while waiting to access the courtroom.

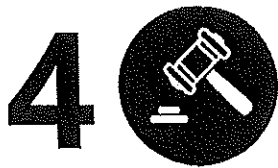
Design a process to facilitate social distancing while individuals wait to enter the courtroom, such as:

- ⓐ Floor or sidewalk markings to keep individuals six feet apart.
- ⓐ Outdoor distancing so individuals can spread out.
- ⓐ Waiting in cars.
- ⓐ Set up a tent where individuals can wait in compliance with social distancing measures.
- ⓐ Call or send a text message when it's time to enter the building.

FLOW

Control the route that people will take through your building to access the courtroom to encourage social distancing, such as:

- ⓐ Roping or taping off certain seating areas or hallways.
- ⓐ Placing arrows on the floors to direct foot traffic.
- ⓐ Requiring people to enter through one door and exit through another.
- ⓐ Limiting elevator capacity to facilitate social distancing (e.g., two person maximum) and offering the stairs as an alternative route.



Maintain a Healthy and Safe Courtroom

Maintain a six foot distance in the courtroom between individuals who do not reside together to facilitate adequate social distancing.

✓ Limit Courtroom Capacity

Do not schedule more individuals to arrive at the courtroom (including staff) than the square footage of the courtroom can accommodate to allow for social distancing.

One way to calculate room capacity is to use the area of a circle with a radius of six feet, which is equal to approximately 113 square feet per person.

Continue to conduct virtual hearings by video conference or teleconferencing whenever possible.

Consider providing a live YouTube, Facebook, Zoom or other link to individuals who want to see what is going on in the courtroom but cannot be present due to room capacity.

Rotate individuals in and out of the courtroom as quickly as possible to limit contact.

Use microphones capable of picking up audio from a safe distance or clean close proximity microphones after each use. Court employees should wear gloves and hold handheld microphones if used.

Limit contact with shared documents and exhibits as much as possible. Present documents and exhibits electronically if possible and appropriate.

Conduct bench conferences in a room that provides for adequate social distancing (defendant may need to waive his or her presence if necessary).

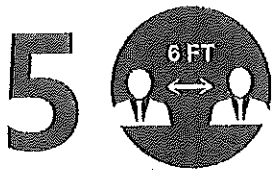
Disinfect the courtroom after each proceeding or as frequently as practicable.

✓ Consider Staggered Scheduling

Under normal circumstances, it is common to have large calendar calls in many courts where many people report at one time.

To maintain adequate social distancing, stagger the arrival of persons participating in proceedings to ensure that a large number of individuals do not arrive at the same time.

For example, if a courtroom can accommodate twelve people, do not schedule your normal 50 person calendar for 8:30 a.m. Rather, schedule the first group of 12 for 8:30 a.m. and the second group of 12 for 10:00 a.m., etc.



Healthy and Safe Court Employees

Implement staggered shifts for all court employees and implement teleworking for all possible court employees.

Discourage employees from sharing phones, desks, offices, surfaces, or other equipment.

Provide for adequate spacing between employee workstations to facilitate social distancing.

Provide a separate entrance to the court facility for employees, if possible.

If six feet of separation is not possible, consider options like plexiglass barriers and frequently disinfecting shared surfaces, such as table tops, door knobs, elevator buttons, pens, security bins, etc.

Require all employees to wear face coverings at all times.

Consider temperature checks of employees when employees report to work each day with a no-contact thermometer.

Require employees who exhibit signs of illness to stay home or seek medical attention.

Provide courtroom employees with adequate personal protective equipment, including face coverings.

Courtroom employees should be trained on best practices to prevent infection, including frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

Clean and disinfect offices daily or as frequently as possible.



Healthy and Safe Jurors and Potential Jurors

The number of jurors and potential jurors should be limited to the amount a room or facility can accommodate with social distancing and other infection control measures.

Potential jurors:

- ✓ Likely to have more conflicts than prior to COVID-19 (e.g., childcare, looking for work, or working in the medical field).
- ✓ Will likely have health concerns about being around a group of strangers.

Jury selection may take longer due to social distancing and other infection control measures.

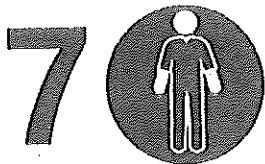
Jury holding and deliberations:

- ✓ Likely cannot take place in a typical jury room due to size.
- ✓ Use a larger room, such as the courtroom or another large meeting room to facilitate social distancing.
- ✓ Turn off video and audio recording in the room if the jury is deliberating there.
- ✓ Limit jury deliberations to two hours at a time with 15-minute breaks to go outside into fresh air and/or separate from each other. Jurors should not deliberate for more than eight hours per day.

Provide individual boxed lunches and bottled water to jurors. Vending machines should be wiped down regularly and have a hand sanitizing station nearby.

Juror transportation: If jurors are shuttled to the court facility, provide for proper spacing in transport vehicles and sanitize vehicles after each use. Jurors should stay six feet apart while waiting for the shuttle.

Require all jurors to wear a mask or face covering while in the court facility and the juror shuttle, if applicable. If wearing a mask would make it difficult to evaluate the demeanor of jurors or otherwise negatively impact a litigant's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.



Healthy and Safe Inmates and Detainees

- ✓ **Use video conferencing** for proceedings whenever possible.
- ✓ **Screen inmates and detainees** for COVID-19 symptoms before transport to court.
- ✓ **Work with law enforcement** to provide for proper spacing in transport vehicles and masks for inmates and detainees during transport. Stagger arrivals and departures to facilitate spacing in transportation vehicles and holding areas.
- ✓ **Sanitize transport vehicles** after use.
- ✓ **Label holding areas** to provide for social distancing.
- ✓ **Sanitize holding areas**, restraints, and other commonly used items after each use.
- ✓ **Make hand sanitizer available** to inmates and detainees.
- ✓ **Require** all inmates and detainees to wear a mask or face covering while in the court facility. If wearing a mask would negatively impact an inmate or detainee's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.
- ✓ **Ensure** deputies who are required to be in close proximity to inmates and detainees have face coverings and gloves.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LUMPKIN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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ORDER ADOPTING COUNTY PLAN FOR RESUMING JURY TRIALS

On March 14, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, issued an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency pursuant to O.C.G.A. §38-3-61. That Order has been extended 13 times, with modifications by Orders issued April 6th, May 11th, June 12th, July 10th, August 11th, September 10th, October 10th, November 9th, December 9th, January 8th, February 7, 2021, March 9th and April 8th. Pursuant to the Chief Justice's Sixth Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency and Guidance for Local Committees on Resuming Jury Trials, a committee of judicial system participants was formed to develop a detailed and locally tailored plan to resume jury trials in Lumpkin County. The plan was completed and adopted by vote of the committee members on April 16, 2021.

The Court reserves the right to amend or rescind this Order approving said plan, based on additional information received. A copy of this Order will be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Clerk of Superior Court is hereby directed to place a copy of this Order in the Minutes and Final Records of Lumpkin County.

SO ORDERED THIS 14 DAY OF May, 2021.

GEORGIA, LUMPKIN COUNTY
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

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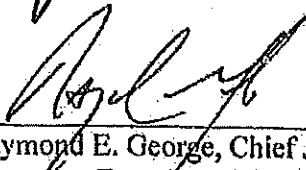
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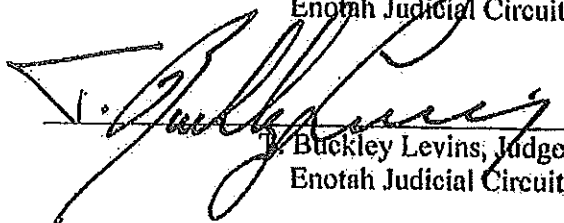
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The Court reserves the right to amend or rescind this Order approving said plan, based on additional information received. A copy of this Order will be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Clerk of Superior Court is hereby directed to place a copy of this Order in the Minutes and Final Records of Towns County.

SO ORDERED THIS 27th DAY OF April, 2021.


Raymond E. George, Chief Judge
Enotah Judicial Circuit


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EXHIBIT

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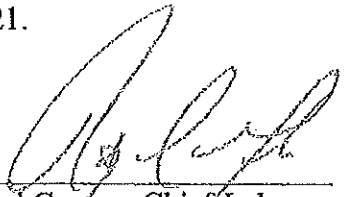
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SO ORDERED this 22nd day of April, 2021.



Raymond George, Chief Judge
Superior Court, Enotah Judicial Circuit

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF UNION COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

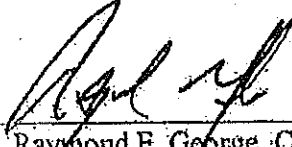
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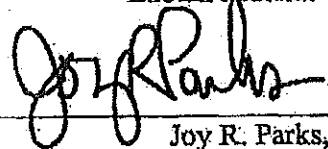
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The Court reserves the right to amend or rescind this Order approving said plan, based on additional information received. A copy of this Order will be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Clerk of Superior Court is hereby directed to place a copy of this Order in the Minutes and Final Records of Union County.

SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF March, 2021.


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Enotah Judicial Circuit


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EXHIBIT

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UNION COUNTY PLAN & PROCEDURES FOR RE-START OF JURY TRIALS

Effective March 2021

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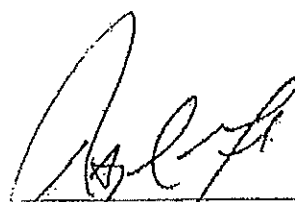
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- d. Each juror will be assigned a seat for the duration of selection.
- e. For the health of the jurors and the Court staff the Court will provide pens or pencils and the jurors will be instructed to keep all personal items separated from other jurors.

2. Jury Service Staff Interaction

- a. Jurors will be asked to self-report any symptoms they may have that morning. This is in addition to the screening questions posted upon entry to the courthouse.
- b. Staff will be trained to limit contact with jurors and documents that jurors have handled.
- c. Juror orientation will include a review of the steps the Court is taking to increase juror safety. Jurors will be reminded of the steps they must take for their enhanced safety, including frequent hand washing, and social distancing.
- d. Seats will be marked in jury assembly to designate where jurors are permitted to sit enabling the Court to have proper social distancing in the jury assembly room.
- e. At least three bailiffs will be scheduled to provide support in all of the procedures outlined.

3. Preparing the Courtroom for Jury Selection and Trial

- a. Markings or tape has been used to delineate proper socially distanced seating in the courtroom.
- b. Courtroom seating is limited and has been prioritized in criminal cases for the defendant(s) immediate family members, victim(s) and their immediate family, and at least some space for members of the general public and the media.
- c. If gallery space is not adequate, the Court will determine an appropriate remedy to comply with open court room requirements, such as live streaming the proceedings into another room in the courthouse.
- d. Consideration has been given to ensuring that each juror, party, and counsel can see and hear the proceedings from their places around the courtroom.
- e. Courtrooms will be cleaned between trials to deep clean the room, with particular attention to sanitizing the jury seating area, the judge and clerk positions, and party seating areas.
- f. Masks will be worn by all individuals in the courtroom, except by witnesses who are actually testifying.
- g. Due to the configuration of the courtroom(s) sidebars will be discouraged. Instead, the jurors may be removed from the courtroom to allow confidential communication between the judge and litigants.
- h. The Court has implemented a contingency plan in advanced for COVID-19 issues arising during jury selection and trial. The potential jurors will be instructed about the plan at the beginning of jury selection. The plan includes providing jurors with a point of contact via the Clerk of Court if potentially exposed to COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 during their service.

4. Jury Selection and Trial

- a. Initially, only one trial jury will be selected at a time to minimize individual movement and interaction within the courthouse and no other courts are scheduled during the period of selection. This plan will be reevaluated once the Court has had an opportunity to conduct a sufficient number of trials to ensure the viability of this plan and that public health guidelines are complied with.
- b. Jurors will be placed in panels of 18 (eighteen) and the panel will be in the gallery benches for jury selection. The benches will be sanitized between panels.
- c. If necessary the Grand Jury room will be used for juror overflow.
- d. Prospective jurors will be assigned seats in the courtroom for voir dire.
- e. Counsel will be required to conduct voir dire from a socially distanced podium or their own counsel table.
- f. Specific individual juror follow up questioning will occur immediately after general voir dire. At that time, the panel will be moved to the Grand Jury Room and the back hallway while the individual juror remains in the main Courtroom. An individual juror may be sequestered to the area behind the main courtroom during any challenge for cause.
- g. Challenges for cause may be addressed by the Court immediately, but after the individual juror has been sequestered, as grounds for the challenge arise. This will allow for the prompt excusal of unqualified jurors and defendant(s).
- h. Jurors in early panels will be released until a time certain to allow for jury selection to continue in smaller groups.
- j. Once sufficient prospective jurors have been through voir dire the trial jury will be struck with the trial to commence as scheduled during the trial week.

5. Presentation of Evidence

- a. When it is necessary for jurors to handle physical exhibits, the Court will provide hand sanitizer for use after handling or gloves that are discarded immediately after use to avoid cross-contamination.
- b. To the extent practical all evidence will be presented on monitors or screens so that personal contact is limited.
- c. During deliberations, the jurors will be encouraged to take socially distanced turns reviewing exhibits placed on a table rather than handing around the exhibits.
- d. Witnesses will testify behind Plexiglas without masks, with clear masks, or wear face shields rather than masks, or at the Court's discretion after ensuring that the witness is appropriately spaced from any other person without mask, so the witness's demeanor can be fully evaluated. The judge should make sure that the jury's view of the proceedings and ability to hear is not obscured.
- e. On each day of trial, parties should confirm that witnesses are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and have not had recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.

6. Attorney Communications with Client

- a. Before trial and then during the proceeding, the defense attorney will be provided confidential and safe access to any detained client to discuss trial proceedings.
- b. Handwritten notes may be shared between the attorney and client, or through devices such as tablets or computers, for the attorney and clients to send text messages to one another.
- c. The Court will permit the use of electronic devices, such as tablets or computers, for the attorney and clients to send text messages to one another.
- d. Where practical, the Court will provide a room or space outside of the courtroom for the

lawyer and client to communicate.

7. Deliberations

- a. The jury will deliberate in the Grand Jury room, so that social distancing can be observed during jury deliberations. Security cameras in both rooms will be disabled during the deliberations. The court will instruct jurors to maintain physical distancing and to keep mask on. The court will instruct the foreperson to ensure jurors comply with physical distancing and mask covering requirements and to report to the bailiff if any juror refuses to comply with these instructions.
- b. During deliberations, jurors will be encouraged to take socially distanced turns reviewing exhibits placed on a table rather than handing around exhibits.
- c. No one is permitted to stand outside the doors and overhear jurors during deliberations, as they will presumably be talking louder than usual because of social distancing.
- d. The jury will be directed to knock to tell the Bailiff waiting outside the deliberation room when they have questions or a verdict.
- e. The jurors will be provided with a supply of single-use notebooks and pens on hand.
- f. Pens and juror notebooks will be disposed of after each trial.

SO ORDERED this 5 day of April, 2021.


Raymond George, Chief Judge
Superior Court, Enotah Judicial Circuit