



Pettis County

HEALTH CENTER

Health Advisory

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The following is the most recent update from the CDC. Pettis County is in a high transmission, low vaccination area.

CDC Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and Delta Variant

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT COVID-19 AND DELTA VARIANT

- 1. Getting vaccinated** prevents severe illness, hospitalization, death; it also helps reduce the spread of the virus in communities.
 - Unvaccinated individuals should get vaccinated and continue masking until they are fully vaccinated.
 - With the Delta variant, this is more urgent than ever. The highest spread of cases and severe outcomes is happening in places with low vaccinations rates.
- 2. Data show Delta is different than past versions of the virus:** it is much more contagious.
 - Some vaccinated people can get Delta in a breakthrough infection and may be contagious.
 - Even so, vaccinated individuals represent a very small amount of transmission occurring around the country.
 - Virtually all hospitalizations and deaths continue to be among the unvaccinated.
- 3. In areas with substantial and high transmission, CDC recommends that everyone (including fully vaccinated individuals) wear a mask in public indoor settings** to help prevent spread of Delta and protect others.
- 4. CDC recommends that community leaders encourage vaccination and masking** to prevent further outbreaks in areas of substantial and high transmission.
- 5. CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.** Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.