

## Memo

**To:** Governing Body

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**RE:** COVID-19 Update for the Period August 15 – August 31, 2021.



Below is a summary of activities that took place for the second half of August related to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Roeland Park and beyond.

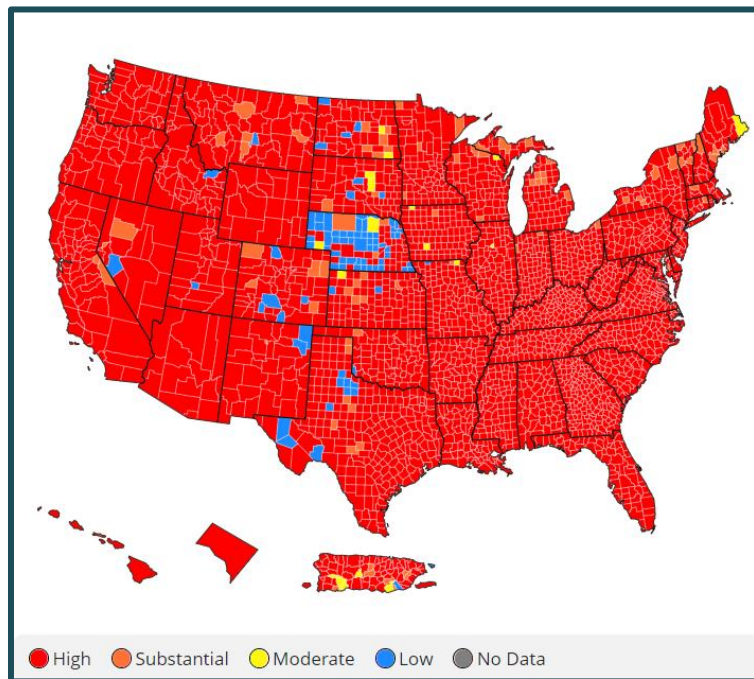
### General

- As of August 31, 2021, Roeland Park is still in Phase 3 of the reopening plan.
- As of August 31, 2021, the State of Kansas is in Phase 5 of the vaccine distribution plan. All Kansans, aged 12 and older, are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The United States Food and Drug Administration [approved](#) its first COVID-19 vaccine.
  - The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir-na-tee), has the approval of the FDA for ages 16 and older.
  - The vaccine continues to be made available to those aged 12-15 under emergency use authorization, and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.
- The U.S. Supreme Court [has ended](#) the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's eviction moratorium. Any future moratorium will require an act of Congress.
  - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia [had previously upheld](#) the CDC's targeted eviction moratorium.
  - The CDC's eviction moratorium was set to expire on October 3, 2021, and was [subject](#) to extension.
  - Information regarding, and the text of, the CDC's eviction moratorium can be found [here](#).
  - Resources for those facing eviction can be found on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website [here](#).

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- Prairie Village [enacted](#) a new citywide mask mandate.
    - The order requires masks be worn in indoor public spaces, unless business ask for proof of vaccination.
    - The order went into effect on August 23, 2021.
  - The Shawnee Mission Post [reports](#) that many businesses intend to comply with Prairie Village's new mask order instead of asking for proof of vaccination.
  - Johnson County [will ask employees](#) to show proof of vaccination or submit to weekly testing as Delta variant cases surge.
  - Johnson County's Sherriff's Office [will not follow](#) the County's order requiring weekly COVID-19 testing or proof of vaccination.
    - The issue was order from County Administrator Penny Post oak Ferguson and applied to those under the office's authority.
  - Eligible individuals [can now receive](#) their third shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. This applies to both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.
    - To be considered an eligible individual:
      - Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood;
      - Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
      - Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
      - Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency;
      - Advanced or untreated HIV infection;
      - Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.
    - Vaccinators are not allowed to ask for documented proof of an immunocompromised condition; however, some patients may be asked what makes them qualified for a third shot at a point of vaccination.
    - The FDA [authorized](#) a third dose on August 12, 2021.
  - Johnson County [encourages](#) eligible individuals to receive their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment Director Dr. Sanmi Areola provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners.
    - Highlights from the August 19, 2021, briefing can be found [here](#).

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- Highlights from the August 26, 2021, briefing can be found [here](#).
  - Governor Laura Kelly has [announced](#) a new ad campaign on how to keep kids safe from COVID-19 at school.
  - Johnson County Community College will [require](#) masks while indoors on campus.
  - The City of Mission [unanimously approved](#) an order to require masks for city employees and members of the public in most indoor settings inside city facilities.
  - Johnson County schools will be updating COVID-19 case and quarantine numbers.
    - The Blue Valley School District dashboard can be found [here](#).
    - The Olathe Schools dashboard can be found [here](#).
    - The Shawnee-Mission School District's dashboard can be found [here](#).
    - The USD 232 in De Soto will relaunch their dashboard, which can be found [here](#).
  - Johnson County Mental Health Center has a [launched](#) *Elevate for Educators*, a no-cost program for educators in Johnson County. Mental health issues have been exacerbated by and during the pandemic.
  - Data from Israel [has shown](#) that the third dose of the Pfizer vaccine significantly reduces risk of infection in seniors.
  - The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment testing clinic has [changed their hours](#) to Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8AM to 3PM.
    - The location is 11875 S Sunset Drive in Olathe.
  - The Board of County Commissioners [considered](#) applying for and accepting funding that would be given to the Department of Health and Environment to expand access and acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccines and increase vaccine confidence and equity.
  - In response to the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, Governor Kelly [has directed](#) state agencies under the purview of the Executive Branch to return to remote work where possible.
    - The remote work model will remain in place until October 4, 2021, at which point there will be a reassessment to determine if on-site work will be viable.
  - Johnson County health officials [are hopeful](#) that the FDA's full approval of the Pfizer vaccine will result in an increase of vaccinations.
  - The Kansas Supreme Court [issued a stay](#) of Johnson County Judge David Hauber's ruling on Senate Bill 40.
  - A study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [shows](#) that unvaccinated people are 29 times more likely to be hospitalized due to COVID-19 than vaccinated people.

- Governor Kelly [urged](#) nurses to renew their licensing requirements before the Saturday, August 28, 2021, deadline.
  - The Kansas State Board of Nursing announced the notice for Kansas nurses, and employers of Kansas nurses, who were working under the professional license waivers issued via the COVID-19 disaster declaration [Executive Order 21-09](#).
- Newly released data from Pfizer and Moderna [confirm](#) that their COVID-19 vaccine does bring a small risk of heart problems.
  - The side effects tend to be mild, temporary, and uncommon. For every 1,000,000 doses of the second shot given to 12- to 39-year-olds, there were 14 to 20 extra cases of the rare heart problems. The data was presented on August 30, 2021, at a meeting of an independent advisory committee to the CDC.
  - The benefits of vaccination continue to outweigh the risks, scientists said.
- Johnson County and the Kansas City region remain in an area of high COVID-19 transmission rates. The shown map is of the seven-day period of August 23, - August 29, 2021.



- Just one of 38 federally licensed long-term care facilities in Johnson County [have reached](#) the state's goal of vaccinating at least 90% of their staff.
  - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment launched a new dashboard regarding long-term care vaccination information which can be found [here](#).

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- As of August 31, 2021, 65% of Johnson County residents aged 12 and older have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 59.4% of eligible Johnson County residents are fully vaccinated.

## Administration/Neighborhood Services

- There are no updates from the Administration or Neighborhood Services Departments.

## Public Works

- Staff is continuing to follow all safety guidelines. There are no other updates from the Department of Public Works.

## Police Department/Municipal Court

- There are no updates regarding the Police Department or Municipal Court.

## Community Center and Parks & Recreation

- There are no updates regarding the Community Center or the Department of Parks & Recreation.