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Three Rivers Community Risk Dials Update

The COVID-19 Community Risk Dials for the Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) jurisdiction of Dodge, Washington, and Saunders counties has been updated for the week.

Three Rivers Jurisdiction: 2.13 Current Week (*increase in COVID-19 inpatients*)
2.00 Previous Week

Dodge County: 2.25 Current Week (*Increase in COVID-19 inpatients, less testing*)
2.00 Previous Week

Washington County: 1.75 Current Week (*Increase in COVID-19 inpatients, increase in cases*)
1.50 Previous Week

Saunders County: 1.75 Current Week (*Increase in COVID-19 inpatients increased testing*)
1.75 Previous Week

The main factors considered in the risk dials each week include:

- The increase in the number of COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks.
- The increase in the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests.
- The capacity of the district and local healthcare system including the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 and the ventilators being utilized by COVID-19 (suspect and confirmed patients).
- The presence of community clusters and or community spread.
- The availability of testing in the district and local communities.
- The availability of 3RPHD to trace all identified contacts of positive cases in 48 hours.

“This week for the overall health department jurisdiction we have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 inpatients within our healthcare region, an increase in positive cases **that are not related to schools reopening** and an increase in the number of cases with unknown exposures,” said Terra Uhing, Executive Director of Three Rivers Public Health Department. “Unfortunately, we have had individuals that are getting tested for COVID-19 and are not staying home until they get results—this is leading to others being exposed and having to quarantine”.

For questions or more information about COVID-19, please call Three Rivers at 402-727-5396, email info@3rphd.org or visit www.threeriverspublichealth.org

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