

Jefferson R-VII School District
COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols



2021-2022 School Year

**The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidance.

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Jefferson R-VII School District Return to School Document

This document is based on our local leadership decisions, which have been derived from guidelines established by local government and health authorities, based upon current factors and information.

This is a “working document” and is subject to change as new information is obtained and regulations evolve at the local, state and regional levels.

It is important to note that while the District will make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, there are inherent risks with participation in group activities. Therefore, the District cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to a virus or those who may have been affected. School safety for staff and students will continue to be priority of the District.

Commentary Regarding COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols

- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- The Jefferson R-VII School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while ensuring their safety and well-being.
- Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to contact their building administrator.

General Information for Students and Staff

- Students and staff will be encouraged to wash / sanitize hands during the day.
- Students and staff will participate in temperature checks on an as-needed basis as determined by District Administration.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at multiple locations throughout buildings.
- When students are physically present on campus, face coverings will be recommended but not required by students and staff throughout the day as long as the district meets specific guidelines provided within this document.
- Drinking fountains will be disabled, except for those with bottle-filling capabilities.
 - Bottled water will be made available to students (if they do not have their own water bottle) and may be refilled throughout the day.
 - Students may bring personal water bottles from home, but bottles must be plastic or metal, and in a clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidance.

Jefferson R-VII Guidelines and Protocols:

Jefferson R-VII will recommend (but not require) masks for staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year as long as the infection rate for staff and students in a school building is less than 2.0%.

- Masks will be required on school buses. (*This is a federal mandate – [Click here for mandate.](#)*)
- Jefferson R-VII will encourage vaccination for anyone eligible to receive it.
- Jefferson R-VII will continue to social distance to the greatest extent possible, using 3 feet as the general standard as outlined by the CDC guidance.
- Jefferson R-VII will encourage students and staff who are high risk to wear masks, social distance, and get vaccinated when possible.
- DESE will no longer offer AMI-X days (Virtual Learning days due to COVID-19) for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Jefferson R-VII will no longer offer (8) COVID days to staff effective June 30, 2021.
- Jefferson R-VII will use seating charts in classrooms to assist in contact tracing.
- Jefferson R-VII will use a Risk Level Chart to determine if and when masks will need to be reinstituted.
- Jefferson R-VII will offer full time virtual learning through the MOCAP program only.
- Jefferson R-VII will follow quarantine directions from the Jefferson County Health Department to ensure the safety and health of students and staff.

Exclusion from School

Individuals who are in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 will be asked to stay home from school and sit out of school-related activities for 10 days **unless** they meet one of the criteria below. Close contact is described as being within 6 feet of a positive case of COVID-19 for at least fifteen minutes during the infectious period (the two days prior to the onset of symptoms or two days prior to a positive test if asymptomatic).

- The close contact is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and is not displaying symptoms. A copy of the contact's vaccination card will be requested.
- Both the close contact and the positive case were wearing face coverings throughout contact during the infectious period
- The close contact has recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months and shows no symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19

- People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The following are examples of symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms and will be updated as more is learned about COVID-19.

Daily Screening Guidance for Students

We have a culture of working or going to school when one is sick. We must work towards changing that culture and encourage everyone to stay home when they are feeling ill.

The Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education advise districts not to implement screening procedures that would force bottlenecks at building entry points, “creating unnecessary situations where students cannot maintain adequate physical distance from one another.”

Therefore, all families are required to self-assess their daily health situation prior to getting on the bus, attending school, or attending/participating in other extracurricular event(s) in order to determine if they are ill or are at risk of exposing others to COVID-19.

If students answer yes to any of the following questions, they should NOT come to school that day. Absences should be reported by calling your child’s building attendance number listed below.

Individuals are advised to contact a healthcare provider if they exhibit symptoms or answered YES to any screening question(s).

District Staff will also be watching for signs and symptoms of illness as students enter the building and classrooms.

Help Keep Blue Jay Nation Safe



Before sending your child to school or practice, do not forget to ask the questions below:

- a. Do you have a temperature higher than 100.4* Fahrenheit? (*Jefferson R-VII protocol for temperatures is 100.0.)
- b. Do you have a household member, or have you been in close contact with someone, who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past two weeks?
- c. Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
- d. Have you experienced any chills or repeated shaking with chills?
- e. Have you experienced any muscle pain or headache (different than normal exercise-induced pain, your seasonal allergies, or other diagnosed condition)?
- f. Have you experienced any sore throat (different than your seasonal allergies or other diagnosed condition)?
- g. Have you experienced any recent loss of taste or smell?
- h. Have you experienced any recent diarrhea or vomiting?

If the answer is “YES” to any question, you must stay home and contact your doctor, if needed.

To Report A Student Absent From School:

Plattin Nurse 725-1176

Telegraph Nurse 933-6939

Danby Nurse 933-6956

Jefferson Nurse 933-6909

Jefferson R-VII

COVID RISK Levels

COVID RISK LEVEL: **GREEN**

1.0% and below OF STUDENTS AND STAFF
TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A
CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU
SATURDAY BY BUILDING.

COVID RISK LEVEL: **YELLOW**

1.01% to 2.0% OF STUDENTS AND STAFF
TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A
CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU
SATURDAY BY BUILDING.

COVID RISK LEVEL: **ORANGE**

2.01% to 3.0% OF STUDENTS AND STAFF
TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A
CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU
SATURDAY BY BUILDING.

COVID RISK LEVEL: **RED**

3.01% OR MORE OF STUDENTS AND
STAFF
TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A
CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU
SATURDAY BY BUILDING.

** The Jefferson R-VII School District will make all COVID decisions on a building level in an effort to cause the least amount of disruption to students learning.

Action Per Risk Level

COVID RISK LEVEL		MITIGATIONS ENFORCED
GREEN	=/ < .1.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks encouraged, not required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate) Desks will be separated to maximum distance (facing the same direction, when possible, in all risk levels) Hand washing and good hygiene expected (in all risk levels) Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria There will be no self-serve in the cafeteria Regular and Frequent cleaning of the buildings (in all risk levels) Visitors welcome by appointment Contract tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels
YELLOW	1.01% to 2.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks encouraged, not required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate) Visitors will not be allowed in the building Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria There will be no self-serve in the cafeteria Social Distancing will be encouraged at athletics and activities Sharing of Objects will be discouraged Contract tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels
ORANGE	2.01% to 3.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate) Visitors will not be allowed in the building Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria Social distancing will be required at all athletics and activities Sharing of objects will be discouraged Contract tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels
RED	>3.01%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate) Visitors will not be allowed in the building Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria Social distancing will be required at all athletics and activities Sharing of objects will be discouraged Contract tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels



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Michael L. Parson
Governor

August 7, 2020

Immediate Initiation of Contact Tracing for School Children

The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, finding it necessary to protect public health and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the authority granted under section 192.020, RSMo, and 19 CSR 20-20.040, hereby orders the following:

Upon receipt of a positive COVID-19 test for any individual at least three (3) years of age but no older than twenty-one (21) years of age, the local public health agency, as defined by 19 CSR 20-20.010(27), shall begin contact tracing such individual as soon as possible, but no longer than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of receipt.

The local public health agency shall prioritize notifying the COVID-19 school point of contact for the individual, so that the school may assist the local health authority with expedited contact tracing.

If a school is notified of a relevant positive COVID-19 test result, the COVID-19 school point of contact will immediately notify the local health authority.

Appropriate control measures, as determined by the local public health agency, shall also be established as soon as possible to protect public health.

This order is limited to the contact tracing of individuals at least three (3) years of age but no older than twenty-one (21) years of age and does not purport to modify any other provision of Missouri law or regulation. Further, this order does not purport to waive federal privacy laws, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and its requirement, when applicable, to only release the minimum necessary protected health information to accomplish the intended purpose.

This order shall remain in effect until June 30, 2021.

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Director

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Healthy Missourians for life.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will be the leader in promoting, protecting and partnering for health.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER: Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

COUGH ETIQUETTE

COVER YOUR COUGH



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze

OR



- Cover your mouth and nose using your upper sleeve, not your hands, when you cough or sneeze

- Put the used tissue in a waste basket

- Wash your hands with soap and water

OR




- Clean them with an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available

If you're visiting a hospital or personal care home when you have a cough or cold, you may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others from infection.



HELP
PREVENT
THE SPREAD OF
INFECTION

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Respiratory and cough hygiene



- Cough or sneeze into a clean tissue, not into your hands.



- Dispose of the tissue immediately into the nearest waste bin.



- If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve.



- Always clean your hands after coughing or sneezing, either using soap and warm running water, alcohol handrub or hand wipes.

These steps will help prevent the spread of colds, flu and other respiratory infections

Jefferson County COVID-19 Updates

As of Wednesday,
July 14, 2021

Data Updates

- County Level COVID Data Updates
 - Seven Day Average New Case Rate (1/30/2020 – 7/10/2021, 528 days)
 - Seven Day Average New Case Rate, Age Bands (7/5/2021, 1 day)
 - Positivity Rate (02/01/2021 – 7/12/2021, 162 days)
 - Transmission Rate (01/01/2021 – 07/10/2021, 191 days)
 - Vaccination, Percent Complete (07/12/2021, 1 day)
 - Calendar Year Comparison
- Other Missouri Comparisons

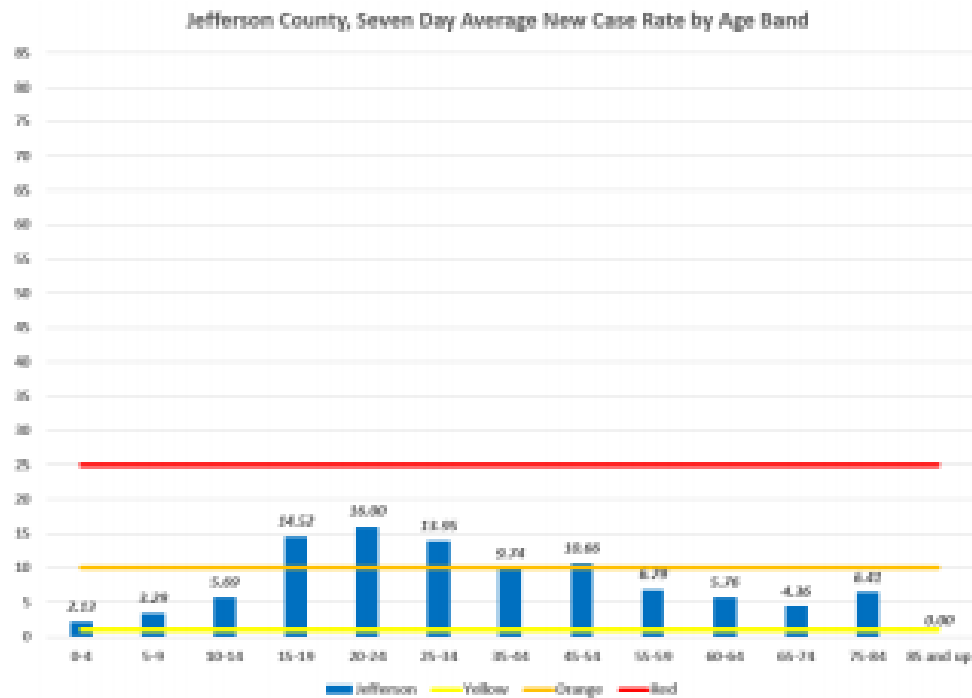
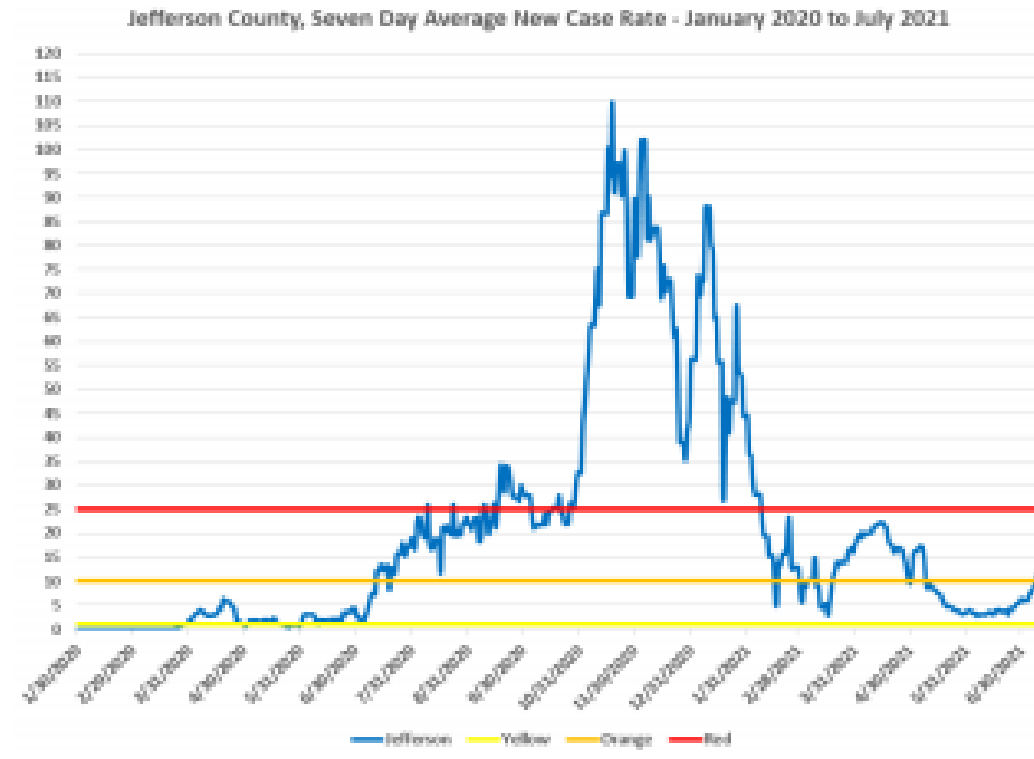
Compilation of County Findings

	Total New Case Rate			Positivity			Transmission		
	6/1	7/10	Diff	6/1	7/10	Diff	6/1	7/10	Diff
Franklin	2.6	8.9	+6.3	3.5	7.0	+3.5	0.67	1.20	+0.53
Gasconade	15.5	11.6	-3.9	9.8	8.5	-1.3	1.87	1.43	-0.44
Jefferson	3.9	12.1	+8.2	3.1	10.4	+7.3	0.83	1.34	+0.51
Lincoln	30.9	16.7	-14.2	3.5	8.8	+5.3	2.01	1.10	-0.91
St. Charles	7.6	12.9	+5.3	2.6	8.7	+6.1	1.01	1.28	+0.27
St. Louis	4.4	12.4	+8.0	3.0	7.3	+4.3	0.82	1.23	+0.41
St. Louis City	5.8	11.2	+5.4	4.4	8.3	+3.9	0.88	1.21	+0.33
Warren	5.9	21.1	+15.2	4.2	12.9	+8.7	0.79	1.63	+0.84

Age Band Rates as of 7/7/21

	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-74	75-84	85 and up
Franklin	0.00	0.00	11.57	15.44	16.90	7.92	2.87	9.72	15.62	14.89	0.00	3.16	9.27
Gasconade	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.99	0.00	36.93	30.53	0.00	0.00	68.12
Jefferson	2.13	3.29	5.69	14.52	16.00	13.95	9.74	10.66	6.79	5.76	4.36	6.41	0.00
Lincoln	11.39	0.00	5.17	17.85	29.11	38.86	28.67	18.06	20.59	17.93	10.03	17.66	0.00
St. Charles	2.41	7.71	7.40	8.91	13.00	10.65	9.37	7.95	10.57	7.45	9.16	5.19	11.54
St. Louis	6.09	10.01	9.28	18.91	11.75	13.84	14.22	7.81	9.37	6.53	4.51	4.81	6.40
St. Louis City	7.79	8.32	9.42	13.91	10.64	12.33	14.10	9.07	5.56	5.67	4.95	3.86	3.31
Warren	0.00	8.81	10.93	36.59	42.15	28.59	33.22	14.50	0.00	16.58	9.72	20.75	80.48

Jefferson County



Vaccinations – Percent Completing

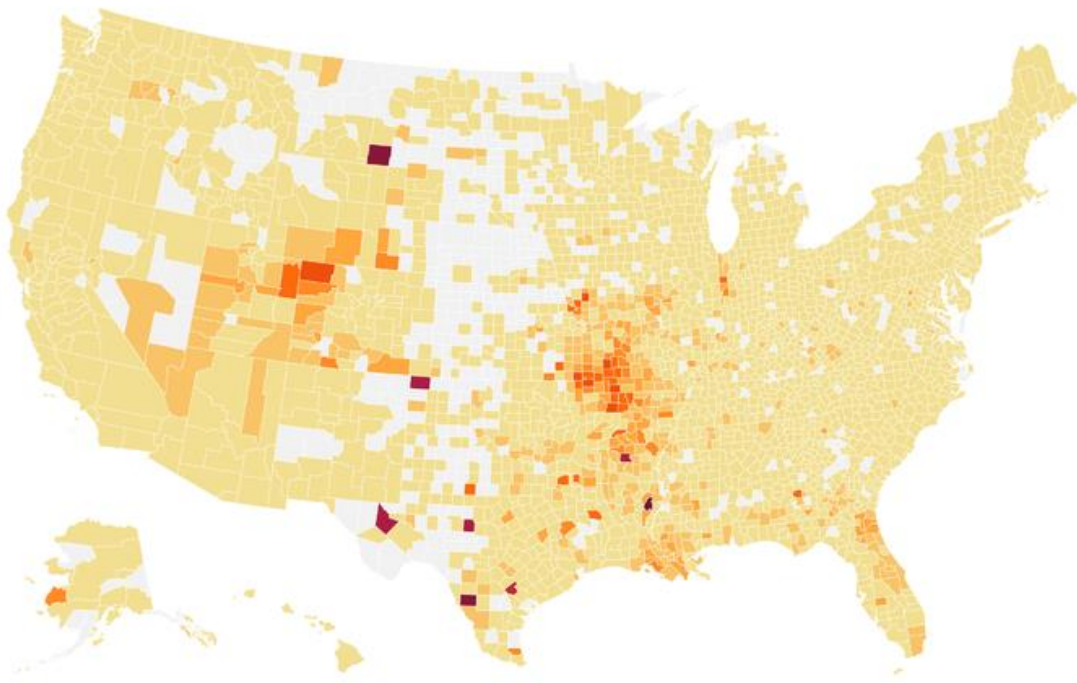
	Locale Rank of 117 Units	Percent Completing
St. Louis County	2	44.0
St. Charles County	3	43.6
Franklin County	5	39.6
Gasconade County	10	36.7
St. Louis City	14	34.1
Jefferson	38	30.5
Warren	39	30.3
Lincoln	70	25.4
MISSOURI		39.8

Calendar Year Comparison

Other Missouri Comparisons

May 1, 2021 – July 10, 2021

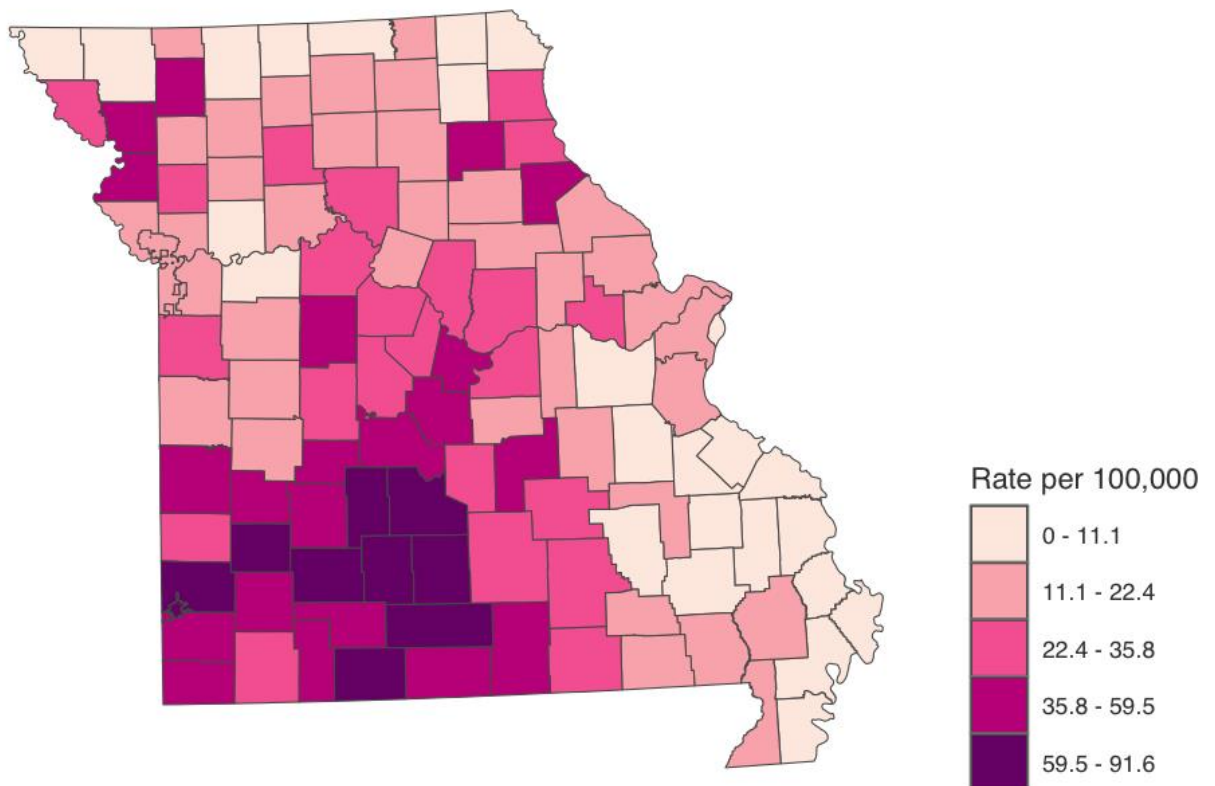
United States Average Daily Cases per 100,000 People in Past Week



[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021
/us/covid-cases.html](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html)

7-day Average of New COVID-19 Cases by Missouri County

Current as of 2021-07-13



Plot by Christopher Prener, Ph.D.

Data via the New York Times COVID-19 Project and the U.S. Census Bureau

