



COVID-19 Community Levels

This information is a summary of the Community Level guidelines from the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention. CDC looks at the combination of three metrics to determine the COVID-19 community level:

- new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days,
- the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients,
- and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

New COVID-19 admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied represent the current potential for strain on the health system. Data on new cases acts as an early warning indicator of potential increases in health system strain in the event of a COVID-19 surge.

Using these data, the COVID-19 community level is classified as low, medium, or high.

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Healthcare settings should follow, as closely as possible, the guidance from CDC. Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html> for more information. For Healthcare Facilities: COVID-19 Community Levels do not apply in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes. Instead, healthcare settings should continue to use [community transmission rates](#) and follow CDC's [infection prevention and control recommendations](#) for healthcare workers.

For more information on the Community Levels, start at the general information page at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>.