



SUNCOAST

AMPLIFYING WHAT WORKS
COVID-19 RESPONSE

Charlotte
DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

COVID-19 In Florida: How do we match up?

Nationwide, COVID-19 cases are spiking again. As a result, we see increasing transmission and hospitalization rates everywhere, including our Sunshine state. As of Aug. 31, 2021, Florida had the second-highest number of average daily cases in the country at 20,930, trailing only Mississippi.

Florida also has the highest daily hospitalization at 80 per 100,000 compared to the national average of 29, and almost four times the number of daily deaths due to coronavirus infections.

Florida is keeping pace with the United States on fully vaccinated numbers (53% at this time). However, coronavirus cases in our state are staggeringly high in comparison to other states and the country.

Considering how we currently match up against the nation, what can we do?

1. **Get vaccinated** as an effective preventative measure against hospitalization and death should you contract COVID-19.
2. **Get tested** if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to the virus.

(All numbers and percentages taken from [The New York Times](#))

Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of August 30, 2021

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases	A Population ^12 with at Least One Vaccination Dose
Charlotte	187 last wk: 162	70%
DeSoto	51 last wk: 39	52%
Manatee	498 last wk: 477	64%
Sarasota	482 last wk: 408	73%

COVID-19 is not going away any time soon. Recently, cases in Southwest Florida and the four count region have **spiked** as a result of the delta variant. Encourage your family, friends, stakeholders, clients, and more to get vaccinated. [Getting vaccinated](#) is the best protection against the variants, including delta.

CONTACT US

Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Hannah Saeger Karnei at:

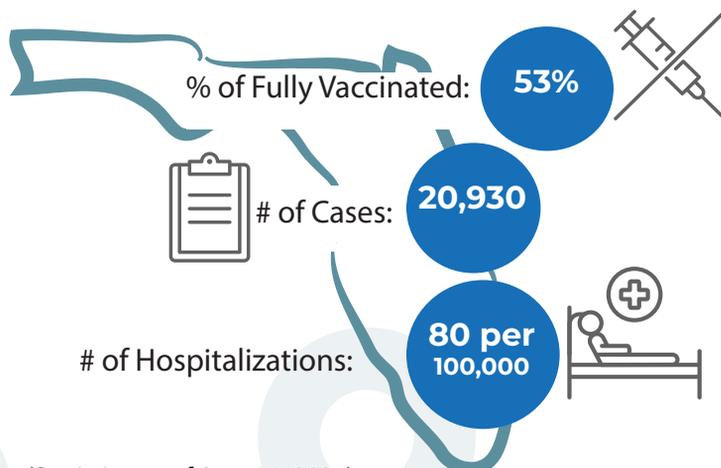
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Graphic: COVID-19 in Florida

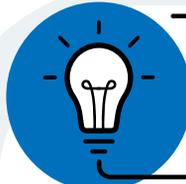


(Statistics: as of Aug. 31, 2021)
Source: The New York Times

Monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19: How they work and who is eligible (more facts and research)

Preventing COVID-19 from making people extremely sick or landing them in the hospital is the public health goal of the pandemic, and the main job of the coronavirus vaccines. While monoclonal antibody therapy has been around for decades, COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies (lab-made antibodies given to a person that help their immune system stop the infection from spreading) have been gaining credibility as a key tool for protecting people most at risk of severe COVID-19.

Some preliminary research shows the treatment reduces risk for hospitalization or death by about 70%. At a COVID-19 response briefing Tuesday, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the president's chief medical adviser, said that monoclonal antibodies are underutilized and that the drug can reduce the risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 by 70% to 85%. Learn more [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

Older adults who get COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapy treatment can prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death in high-risk patients who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19. These treatments are widely available in Florida. Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. If you are 12 years and older and are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you are eligible for this treatment.

To a monoclonal antibody site near you, click [here](#).