

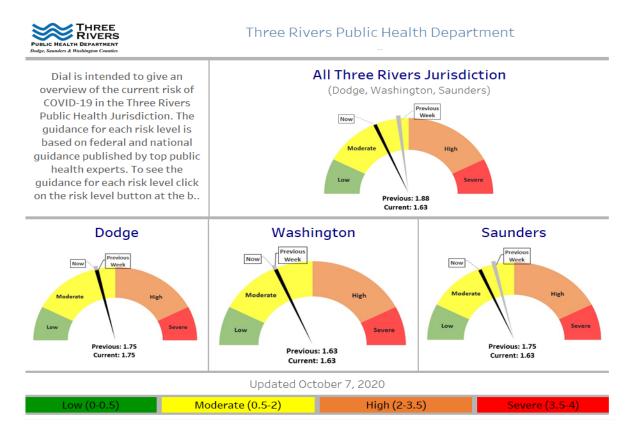
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Three Rivers Community Risk Dials Update

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.

3RPHD Jurisdiction:	1.63 Current Week (Decrease in overall positivity rates)
	1.88 Previous Week

- Dodge County:1.75 Current Week (Significant increase in testing)1.75 Previous Week
- Saunders County: 1.63 Current Week (Decrease in positive cases) 1.75 Previous Week
- Washington County: 1.63 Current Week (Increase in testing) 1.63 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 3RPHD heath jurisdiction the risk dial went down to 1.63. There was a decrease in the weekly positivity rate, a decrease in community exposure cases and a significant increase in the ability to test. Additionally, with the decreases we had an increase in regional inpatient numbers which is concerning when we are looking at the overall medical capacity within our region. Stay home if you are sick, stay home if you are being tested for COVID-19 and wear a face covering.

"Please remember that COVID-19 is in <u>ALL</u> of our communities even the small communities — we need everyone to understand that this virus is contagious and can make others very sick. If you have been around someone that is COVID-19 positive you need to quarantine for 14-days and get tested if you become symptomatic". said Terra Uhing, Executive Director of Three Rivers Public Health Department.

As a reminder 3RPHD updates the community risk dials each Wednesday, and the 3RPHD Data Dashboard is updated each weekday. Please visit our website to learn more.

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