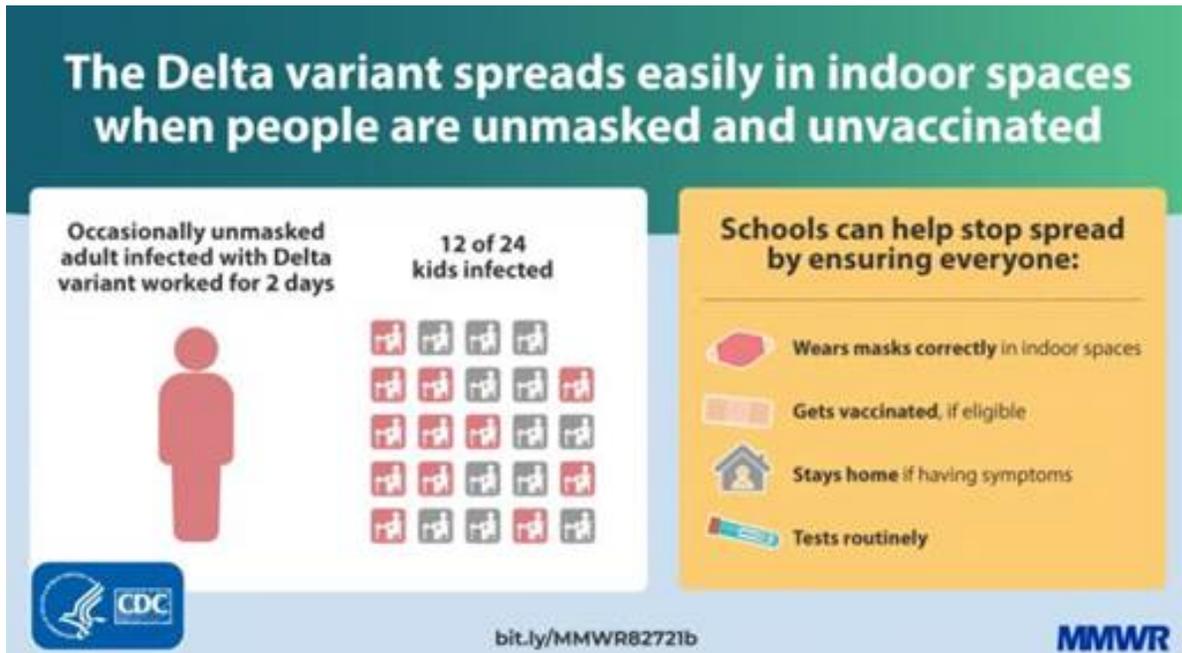


Hello everyone,

In Rockdale County, we are continuing to see a sizeable spike in our COVID-19 data. Please see below vaccine and testing updates, and encourage all staff, department, family, and friends to be aware of strong hygiene and mask habits as well as the importance of getting vaccinated.

Visit the COVID dashboard [here](#) to see the latest on all the COVID stats for GA and Rockdale.



**\*This guidance is specifically targeted for schools, but the general message of consistent masking and ensuring all eligible individuals are vaccinated can be applied to all department**

## Vaccine Updates

**Rockdale, Gwinnett, and Newton Health Departments are all offering additional doses of the Pfizer vaccine to immunocompromised individuals. They are NOT administering COVID-19 booster shots for the general population at this time.**

**The Food and Drug Administration has approved the Pfizer vaccine for use to mitigate the spread and effects of COVID-19 in individuals 16 and older. More information can be found [here](#).**

**According to new data cited by Governor Kemp on 8/16, 9 in 10 COVID-19 hospitalizations are unvaccinated individuals. It is highly recommended unvaccinated individuals receive the vaccine as soon as possible in order to slow the spread and mitigate the strain on our hospital systems.**

### **Sites for locating/booking Vaccination Appointments:**

Private provider via <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

Text 'Vax' to 1-844-554-4024

Links to scheduling options are available on DPH's vaccine [website](#).

DPH hotline for individuals with questions or those that need assistance scheduling an appointment - Public Health Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line 888-457-0186. If you know of individuals that are unable to schedule online, please refer them to this call center and a representative will make an appointment for them.

All local Public Health Departments and open GNR Health Department clinic sites (Lawrenceville, Norcross, Covington, and Conyers) will be providing vaccines on a walk-in basis. These departments are also able to provide you with vaccine cards if you did not receive one during your vaccination(s).

## Stats

**Rockdale is currently categorized in the **HIGH** category.**

As of 09/08/2021, the Rockdale County number of 'active' cases (as determined by the DPH daily official updates through GEMA) shows us having an increase. Over the past 14 days, we are averaging **42.8 new cases per day**. This is an **increase** from 40 new cases per day last week.

**Georgia** has had a total of 1,468,410 (including Antigen tests) total report/tested cases and 20,298 deaths to date (09/08/2021).

**Rockdale** has had a total of 7,931 (10,128) (this number now contains the Antigen tests) total report/tested cases and 175 deaths to date (09/08/2021).

There have been 870 new cases in the past 21 days (8/19/21- 9/08/21). This 21-day number has increased over the past 7 days. It was 787 last week.

**The 14-day positivity rate for Rockdale is 13.4%. This is a decrease from last week's 14.5%. This number needs to consistently stay below 10% for us to see long term relief.**

**The 14-day case rate is 661/100K (confirmed PCR tests).**

**The 14-day case rate is 818/100K (PCR and Antigen tests). This number has increased.**

As of 09/08/2021, Rockdale Medical Center is reporting to be operating at **high** capacity overall, with 50% of ventilators available for use and -6% of critical care beds available. RC EMA is in contact with Piedmont Rockdale and is assisting with resource requests through GEMA, when needed.

**Based on current reporting for the COVID-19 vaccine, 57.6% of eligible Rockdale County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. 50.2% of eligible Rockdale County residents are fully vaccinated. This number has slowly increased over the last four weeks.**

**Please make your staff, department, family, and friends aware that now is not the time to become complacent in our efforts to combat this virus. As schools, businesses and churches continue efforts to reopen completely, it will be very easy to fall out of our good hygiene habits used to combat COVID. Keep up the efforts and get vaccinated!**

## Other Information and New Updates:

The Springfield Baptist Church drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is operational from 9am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday and some Saturdays. If you feel you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, are not feeling well, or simply need a COVID test for another reason, please register below:  
<https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=5991>

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School Guidance: Per the Governor's office, there will be no GA specific school guidance. School partners are to refer to current [CDC guidance](#). We continue to recommend layered prevention strategies, including immunizations, to limit transmission and overall impact.

Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you