



COVID WEEKLY UPDATE

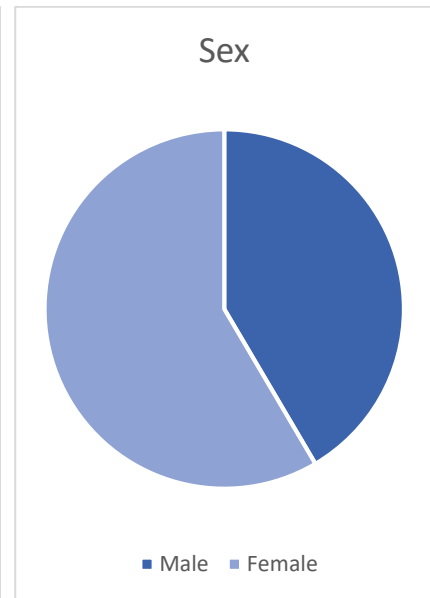
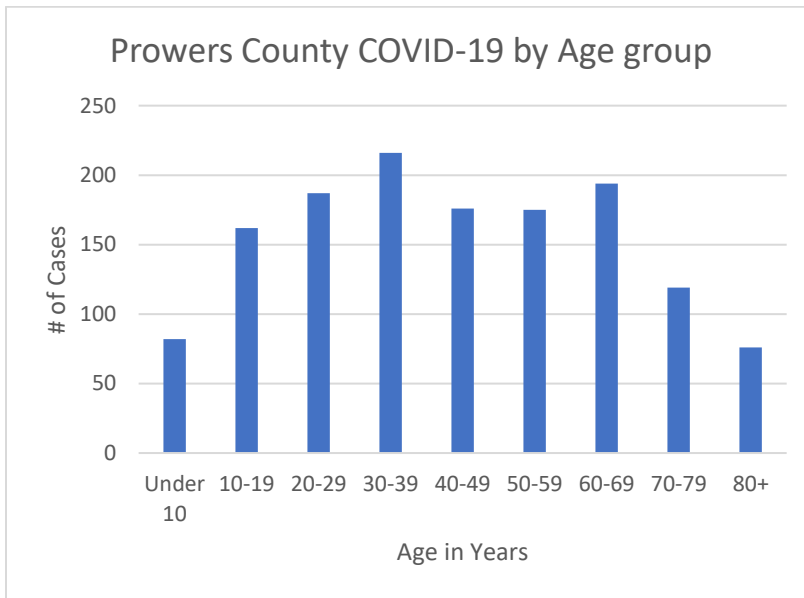
Prowers County Public Health and Environment

September 8, 2021

DATA

Cases*	Hospitalizations**	Deaths***
1387	100(up 1)	25

*These are cumulative totals as of 09/07/2021 4:00 PM ** see below ***These are deaths in people who tested positive for COVID-19



As of 09/07/21 4:00PM

TESTS

7-day average Test Positivity rate is 4.51% (goal is <5%). This is down from 9.58% from last week

CASES PAST 7 DAYS:14

CASES PAST 14 DAYS: 42

Of this week's positives, 2 were vaccinated, 12 unvaccinated

ALL of the hospitalizations and deaths in Prowers County were among the unvaccinated.

CURRENT OUTBREAKS: There are NO current active outbreaks in Prowers County! See <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>. It is updated on Wednesdays. PCPHE will announce any outbreaks that put the public at risk.



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Call with questions or to schedule a testing appointment (719) 336-8721

NEWS

- Delta variant has been identified in Prowers County. The sequenced case numbers are updated at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data>. Look for the variant data by county drop down menu. Sequencing takes several weeks so results are delayed.
- There are quarantines of PK-12 school students in the county. We are absolutely committed to making all the recommendations we can to keep our kids in person for learning. If we meet our county goal of 70+% vaccinated or if all kids are masked, quarantine is not needed and only positive students will be out of school. Please ask your school about weekly serial testing as the state is offering programs that can help eliminate quarantines in most cases if kids opt-in to be tested regularly.
- WALK-IN VACCINE CLINICS at PCPHE:
 - This week we are offering ALL 3 vaccine types Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-11am and 2-4pm.
 - Booster doses for the general public will be available on or after September 20th
 - Remember that the state Board of Health has mandated that all healthcare and other congregate settings require vaccination series to be started by September 30th. This includes any contractor entering the facility.
- As of 08/30/2021, 46.3% of eligible Prowers County residents have gotten at least 1 dose of vaccine, up from 45.6% last week. Goal is 70+%.
- Where can you get the vaccine in Prowers County? PCPHE, High Plains Community Health Center, Safeway, and Walmart Pharmacies.
- A reminder about isolation and quarantine: If you are quarantined or placed in isolation this means staying home and not going ANYWHERE other than the doctor if you need to be treated or tested. No one should come over. PCPHE can assist you with coordination of prescription pick-up, activities to help the kids not go stir crazy or get delivery for your groceries, etc. PLEASE STAY HOME! This is an effective way of containing the spread of COVID-19. Please help us keep our community safe!



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- If you test positive, there are treatments called monoclonal antibodies that can be given to greatly reduce your chance of hospitalization. They are offered here locally. Call your provider for more information.
- FREE community testing for all is available at High Plains Community Health Center Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:00 AM (NO TESTING THIS FRIDAY 9/10/21). If you think you may have COVID-19, have been exposed or require testing for any reason, call public health directly at 336-8721 to schedule. If you are having severe symptoms such as significant trouble breathing, etc. call 911.
- Stay home if not feeling well, cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently or use 60+% alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Minimize gatherings of those who are not vaccinated. Wear a mask in crowded indoor spaces.