Reopening Task Force – First Presbyterian Church
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https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Community Burden Levels		
Low	**Medium**	**High**
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines - Get tested if you have symptoms	- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions - Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines - Get tested if you have symptoms	- Wear a mask indoors in public - Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines - Get tested if you have symptoms - Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about how to protect yourself.

How CDC Measures the COVID-19 Community Levels

- CDC looks at the combination of three metrics — 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 — to determine the COVID-19 community level. 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
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days

To find out the COVID-19 community level:

- First determine whether a county, state, or territory has fewer than 200 new cases per 100,000 people in the past 7 days or 200 new cases or more per 100,000 people in the past 7 days.
- Then, determine the level (low, medium, or high) for the new admissions and inpatient beds and indicators using the scale for the area's number for new cases.
- The COVID-19 Community Level is based on the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics.
- The COVID-19 Community Level for each county can be found at www.CDC.gov