

CORONAVIRUS-19 (COVID-19) FLASH

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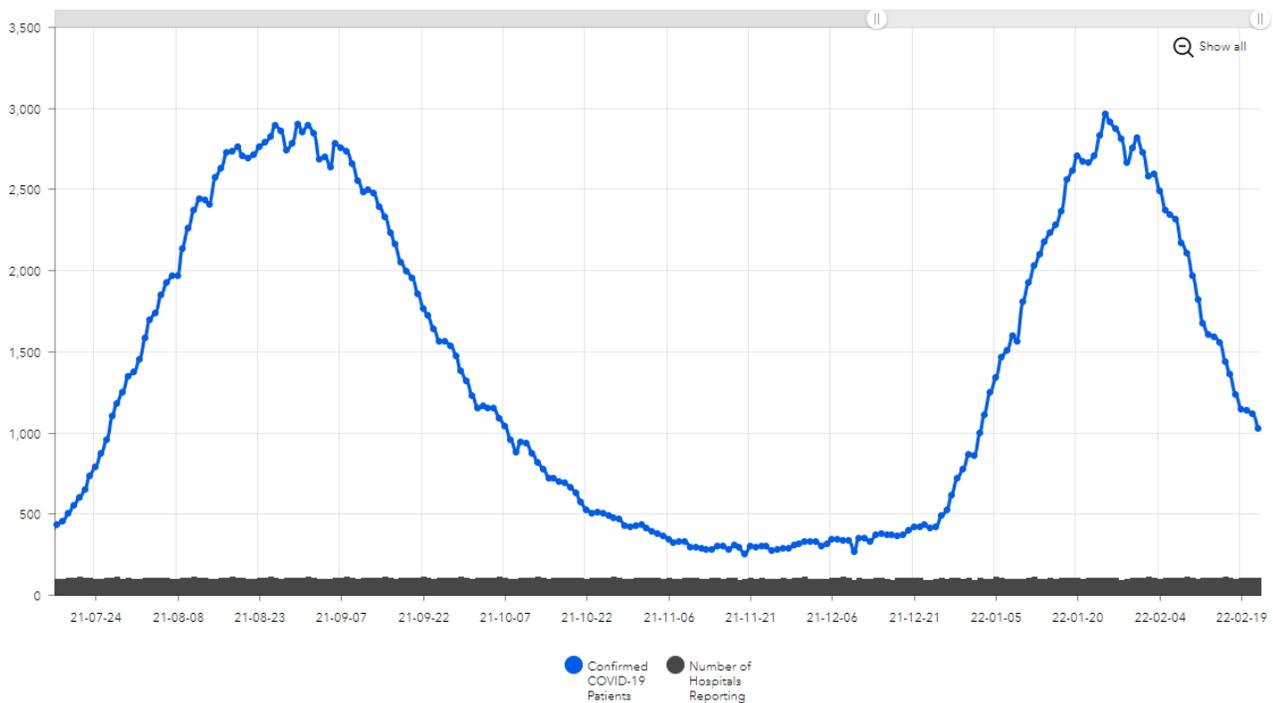
Cullman County is in the Substantial Risk category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional Current Situation

- 28 COVID positive patients, 2 of whom are on a ventilator
- Continue to be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing. Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance, wear a mask when you cannot social distance.

Below is the [Alabama Department of Public Health \(ADPH\)](#) data on hospitalizations statewide.

Daily Hospitalizations of COVID-19 Patients
Updated after 1 p.m. on weekdays and after 11:45 p.m. on weekends



Source: Alabama Incident Management System

COVID Vaccine Clinic

Vaccines for ages 12 and up

Cullman Regional's COVID vaccine clinic is located at the hospital's Mobile Unit in the back parking lot behind Professional Office Building 2.

- Hours are Mondays from 9 am – 1 pm. The clinic will not be open Tuesday-Sunday. When you arrive, please pull up to the mobile unit and a staff member will give you further instructions.
- Vaccines are by appointment only. To schedule a vaccine appointment visit cullmanvaccine.com.

Vaccines for ages 5-11

If you would like to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination for your child, you may schedule an appointment at [Cullman Regional Medical Group – North](#) by calling 256-735-5075. **Online appointments are not accepted for children's vaccines.** Appointments are available only on Fridays from 8am -12pm. All children must have a parent or legal guardian with them to receive their vaccination.

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy:

Distribution of the monoclonal antibodies previously available has been paused and/or severely limited from the state and federal government. This is due to the ineffectiveness of these therapies for the omicron variant which is the most prevalent COVID variant causing infections currently. As a result, we have a very limited supply of effective monoclonal antibodies to administer, and these are being given only to patients in the highest risk category as defined by the CDC. We do not have enough to provide infusions to every patient with COVID. National production of these treatments has increased, and we are hopeful there will be much more availability soon.

The best protection from serious illness due to COVID remains vaccination and a booster when applicable. COVID vaccines can be obtained at Cullman Regional as outlined in this document.

Visiting Cullman Regional:

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines.

These restrictions include:

- All visitors must check-in and complete a temperature check at the front desk
- Masks are required for employees and visitors regardless of vaccination status
- Only one visitor is allowed per adult (16 or older) patient in all hospital departments except the Emergency Department*. (Two visitors allowed per minor patient age 15 or younger)
- COVID-19 positive patients will not be allowed to have visitors
- All visitors must be over the age of 16

Please remember that visitor hours are from 8am – 8pm daily.

Visitors to the Cullman Regional Medical Group Clinics must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status and only 1 visitor is allowed per patient; or 2 visitors per minor under the age of 16.

***Emergency Department Restrictions**

- Due to the influx of COVID positive cases and out of an abundance of caution, no visitors are allowed in the Emergency Department. Limited exceptions will be made on a case by case basis. In those limited exceptions, we will only allow (1) visitor/caregiver who will not be allowed to rotate with any other visitor during the patient's stay in the Emergency Department to limit unnecessary exposures.

We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe.

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