

COVID-19 Update 08.05.2021

Universal Masking Returns to MGMC:

- CDC recently updated masking guidelines for fully vaccinated people. CDC's new advice is to mask up indoors if you live in a place with 'high' or 'substantial' COVID-19 transmission.
- As reported by the CDC, the COVID-19 transmission rates in Story County and our market area are at 'High' or Substantial'.
- **Beginning today, everyone at MGMC is required to wear a mask, regardless of your vaccination status.**
- Reminder, cloth masks are not allowed for MGMC employees at work. Please grab a fresh procedure mask at the beginning of your shift.
- Employees may remove masks when alone in an office or other similar setting.
- When levels return to "Moderate" or 'Low', our masking policy will be revisited again.

Other COVID Updates:

- Our COVID incident command team is meeting again. We will be sending out information soon on patient screening protocols, employee health protocols, vaccine policies, etc. We will continue to let you know of any updates!
- If you have additional items for this team to review, please let me know!

COVID-19 Statistics

We have seen an increase in COVID testing and COVID admissions this week.

- **MGMC Statistics**
 - 4 patients currently admitted
 - 4 positive employees
- **Story County:**
 - 7-Day Positivity Rate: 7.5%
 - 52% of Story County's population has received at least 1 dose
 - 94% of those 65 years and older have received at least one dose
- **Iowa:**
 - 7-Day Positivity Rate: 7.6%
 - 46.9% of Iowa's population has received at least 1 dose
 - 81% of those 65 years and older have received at least one dose
- **U.S.:**
 - Confirmed Cases: 35,175,455 (+142% increase in past 14-days)
 - Cases are significantly climbing in Arkansas, Missouri, Florida, and Louisiana
 - 97% of hospitalized COVID patients are not vaccinated
 - 57.7% of population has received at least 1 dose of the vaccine
 - 90% of those 65 years and older have received at least one dose

Date Stickers – Please make sure you are not covering your picture or name on name badge

- Please make sure that you are not covering up your picture, name, or position on your name badge with the screening date sticker!
- We may not be able to see your smiling face behind your mask, but we still want to see it on your name badge!