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COVID-19 CASES ON THE RISE

The Jackson County Department of Public Health is reminding all residents to stay vigilant during this next surge of COVID-19. State officials say that current metric levels are about the same as the Delta surge last fall. The highly transmissible Omicron subvariant BA.5 is driving an increase in viral transmission. State data shows that COVID-19 infections and re-infections are increasing, even among people with recent past infections with other variants and those that are vaccinated.

While Jackson County is currently still “green” or low according to the CDC’s COVID community level tracker, we know from past experience that this could change very quickly. 41 of North Carolina counties are now “red” or high, increasing from only 4 counties 2 weeks ago.

JCDPH is encouraging all residents 6 months and older to get vaccinated and those who are eligible to get boosted. Vaccines are still highly effective in preventing severe outcomes from COVID-19. Vaccines are available at the health department Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 7:45 AM-4:30 PM. Visit myspot.nc.gov to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 tests are widely available. Free testing is available at the health department Monday-Friday 7:30 AM-5:00 PM. At-home tests are also available. Visit <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTests> to find a COVID-19 test near you.

Lastly, residents should consider wearing masks in higher risk indoor settings in order to add an extra layer of protection.

For more information please visit <https://health.jacksonnc.org> or call 828-586-8994.

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