

COVID-19 Report to Members ~ February 15, 2022

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Crisis Standards of Care deactivated

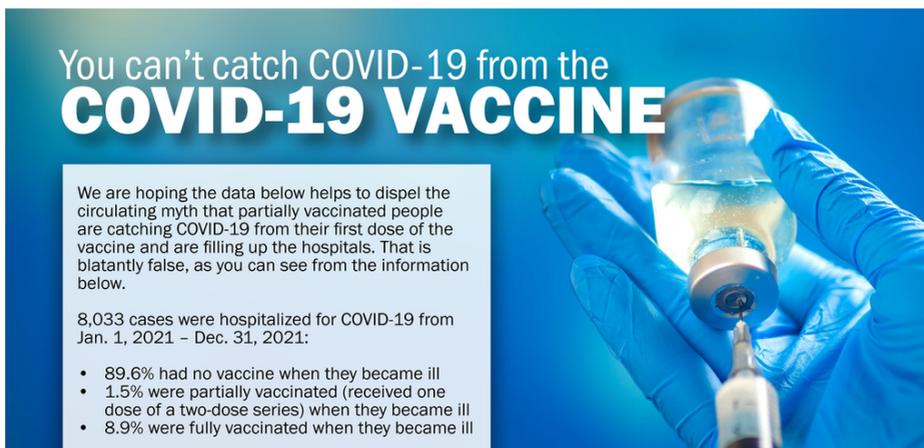
IDHW **announced today** that Crisis Standards of Care has been deactivated throughout Idaho. Southwest District Health, Central District Health, and South Central District Health are now out of CSC as hospitalizations have decreased and shortages in staffing and blood products have stabilized.

“Even though things are improving, the number of COVID-19 cases statewide and the testing percent positivity is still very high,” said IDHW Director Dave Jeppesen. “Please continue to take the recommended precautions and get vaccinated and boosted, wear a mask in public places, and stay home if you feel sick so those numbers keep trending in the right direction.”

Healthcare systems statewide are generally using contingency operations as circumstances are improving but variable. This means it will be some time before healthcare systems return to normal operations.

Since reentering CSC in late January, the situation in the region and across the state has been closely monitored. The process to deactivate CSC began when healthcare systems reported they had moved to contingency operations as staffing levels and blood products shortages stabilized.

IDHW Director Jeppesen convened the Crisis Standards of Care Activation Advisory Committee this morning to review the situation. The committee determined that hospitals in the region had moved back to contingency operations and recommended deactivation. Director Jeppesen issued his decision today.



You can't catch COVID-19 from the COVID-19 VACCINE

We are hoping the data below helps to dispel the circulating myth that partially vaccinated people are catching COVID-19 from their first dose of the vaccine and are filling up the hospitals. That is blatantly false, as you can see from the information below.

8,033 cases were hospitalized for COVID-19 from Jan. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021:

- 89.6% had no vaccine when they became ill
- 1.5% were partially vaccinated (received one dose of a two-dose series) when they became ill
- 8.9% were fully vaccinated when they became ill

In their continued efforts to get out factual information, IHDW released a new Myth Busting resource about catching COVID from the vaccines. The flyer (above) shows the vaccine status of all COVID hospitalizations occurring in 2021. For other Myth Busting resources to share with providers, patients, and others, click [here](#).

Resources & Information

New mask resource

Physicians with the Idaho Medical Association have released another resource to provide Idahoans with the most up-to-date, reliable information on COVID-related issues. The team of Idaho infectious disease physicians, pediatricians, and family physicians' latest resource discusses the **effectiveness of mask wearing** and how it helps prevent community spread. Our thanks to IMA for the fact-based approach they are taking with [these resources](#).

New monoclonal antibody on the way to Idaho

On Friday, the FDA **issued an EUA** for the monoclonal antibody, bebtelovimab. This therapy is active against Omicron as well as the subvariant, BA.2, in preventing severe disease or hospitalization. States will begin receiving free courses of the drug this month with an estimated 600,000 distributed during February and March. Idaho is expected to receive approximately 700 doses this week, nearly doubling the amount of monoclonal antibody therapy courses available.

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