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Delta Variant Cases Reported in Reno County

Reno County, Kan.- July 21, 2021- Genome sequencing from the positive COVID-19 cases reported last week is now coming in to the Reno County Health Department, and five Delta variant cases have been confirmed. The Delta Variant is more contagious than previous variants, and according to the CDC, it now accounts for 83% of positive cases in the United States. Positive COVID cases jumped from 11 to 31 last week in Reno County. The virus is also now affecting younger populations, including young adults and children.

The Reno County Health Department is asking county residents to be proactive by getting the vaccine. Forty percent of Reno County residents have received at least one dose. It's also important to continue mitigating measures such as social distancing by more than 6 feet, masking wearing, sanitizing hands, and staying home when you are sick.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available to anyone over the age of 12. Vaccines are free to any resident, regardless of citizen status or insurance. Visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/> for a list of local options and availability. For a free ride to one of the vaccine sites, call RCAT at 620-694-2913.

The Health Department is accepting walk-ins for COVID-19 vaccinations during their normal operating hours. They will also be holding two Saturday vaccination clinics on July 24 and August 14 from 8 am to noon. For more information, call 620-694-2900 or visit www.renogov.org.

If you are feeling ill, you may get tested through your medical provider or at the free community testing site. Visit gogettested.com for locations and scheduling information.

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