

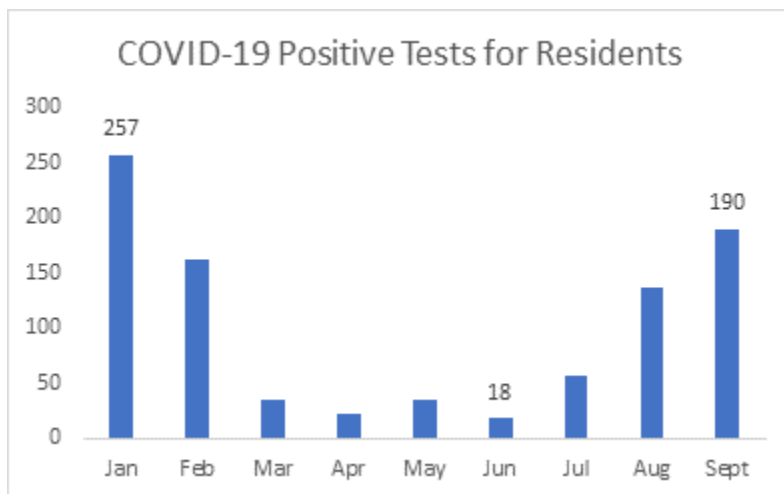
COVID-19 update

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Hello everyone,

I'll keep today's update short and sweet. For staff who originally received the Pfizer vaccine and are looking to get a **booster**, the CDC has made [correctional staff](#) eligible now. You can find [vaccine locations](#) here. If you did not get the Pfizer as your initial vaccine, you will have to wait a bit longer, but we'll keep you posted.

Below is a graph of the positive test results for residents thus far in 2021 (note, we have nearly 100 pending tests outstanding for September). I thought the visual would be helpful to see how much progress was made leading to June, and how the numbers have been increasing steadily since. You can expect a similar graph for staff next week once we have the data compiled.



What's causing this? The **Delta variant**. For the past 2 months, the Delta variant has comprised nearly 100% of all cases in the state. Learn more below.

Delta variant and what we know about it:

- The Delta variant is more contagious; it spreads more easily than previous variants and it may cause more than two times as many infections.
- Data suggests that the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people.

Breakthrough Infections:

- Vaccine breakthrough infections are expected. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing most infections. However, like other vaccines, they are not 100% effective.
- Fully-vaccinated people with a vaccine breakthrough infection are less likely to develop serious illness than those who are unvaccinated.
- People who get vaccine breakthrough infections can be contagious and spread the virus to others.

Please stay healthy everyone!

Best,
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