

Alachua County
Recovery Plan

American Rescue Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

Alachua County Citizens Vaccination
Incentive Program

Executive Summary

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Federal government has provided Alachua County funding through the American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. One Category of response is Public Health – COVID-19 Vaccinations (1.1). Alachua County is currently considered a “hotspot” of transmission. As of the week of August 13th, the County has reported 30,824 cumulative cases, and is at a 14.8% positive test rate. Vaccination rates in Alachua County are at ~63% which reflects ~151,000 vaccinated citizens out of ~240,000 eligible (12 years old and over) population. (see Weekly Data Table below). The spread of the Delta variant has resulted in increased demand for hospital emergency rooms and admission, including pediatric admissions. Data indicates the vast majority of cases resulting in hospitalization are from people not vaccinated (see Hospital Information table on the next page).

The President of the United State and CDC emphasize the importance of reaching a level of at least 80% of all people need to be vaccinated. Since children under 12 are currently not eligible for the vaccine, we need to reach as close to 100% of eligible citizens to become vaccinated. Through the latest wave of the Delta variant many resistant to the vaccines are starting to reconsider and further analyze the data and impact of the unvaccinated getting COVID-19. Incentives are a way to possibly convince those reconsidering, unsure, or undecided to get vaccinated. The most efficient effective rapid method to deliver this program is through partnerships with the pharmacies that currently provide vaccines. These pharmacies already have logs of those receiving shots and can easily provide them a gift card and then a log to the County weekly for reimbursement. To run a program for 60-90 days should provide the most impact.

Weekly Data Table

Source: Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Weekly Situation Reports. This report replaced the daily reports on June 11, 2021.

Week	Cumulative Total Cases	Cumulative People Vaccinated	% of People 12+ Vaccinated	New Positive Cases	New Case Positivity	Cases Per 100k Residents	People Vaccinated
Week of Jun 11, 2021	25,293	133,480	56%	76	2%	27.9	1,212
Week of Jun 18, 2021	25,358	134,920	56%	63	2%	23.1	1,120
Week of Jun 25, 2021	25,425	136,223	57%	67	2.1%	24.6	1,085
Week of Jul 02, 2021	25,518	137,481	57%	90	3.2%	33	952
Week of Jul 09, 2021	25,648	138,229	58%	131	5.3%	48	654
Week of Jul 16, 2021	26,021	139,067	58%	372	8.3%	136.4	873
Week of Jul 23, 2021	26,683	140,496	59%	664	11.4%	243.4	1,220
Week of Jul 30, 2021	27,770	143,471	60%	1,082	14.6%	396.7	2,451
Week of Aug 06, 2021	29,182	147,169	61%	1,418	14.6%	519.9	3,060
Week of Aug 13, 2021	30,824	151,097	63%	1,644	14.8%	602.8	3,353

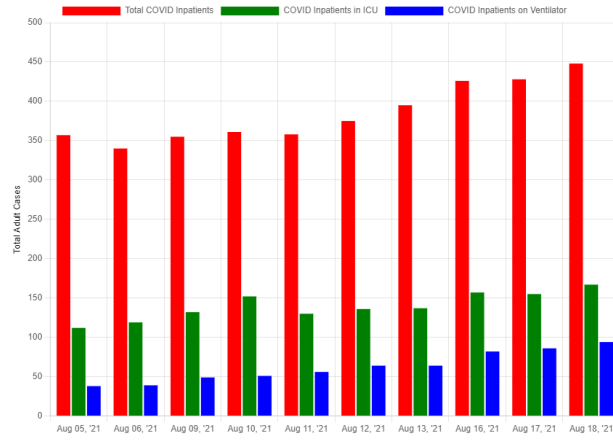
Hospital Information

This information is updated Monday-Friday

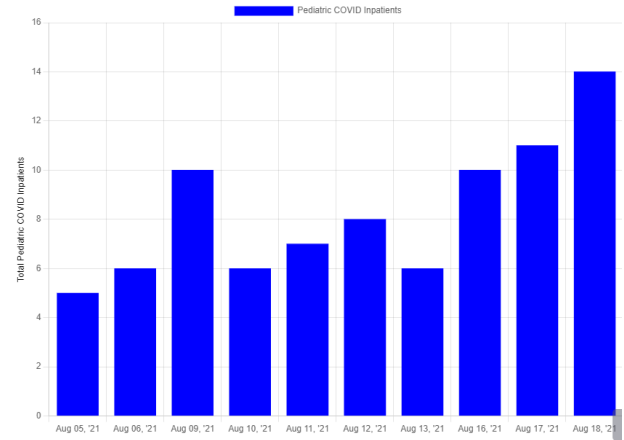
Sources: UF Health, North Florida Regional Medical Center, and Alachua County Fire Rescue

Note: Daily numbers from the VA Hospital are no longer available and are no longer reflected in the charts below.

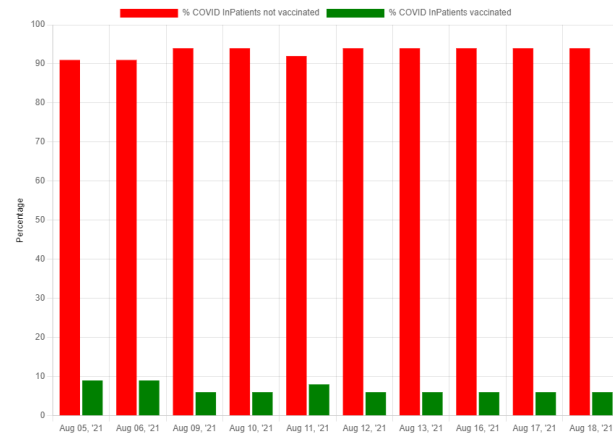
Adult Hospitalizations by Day



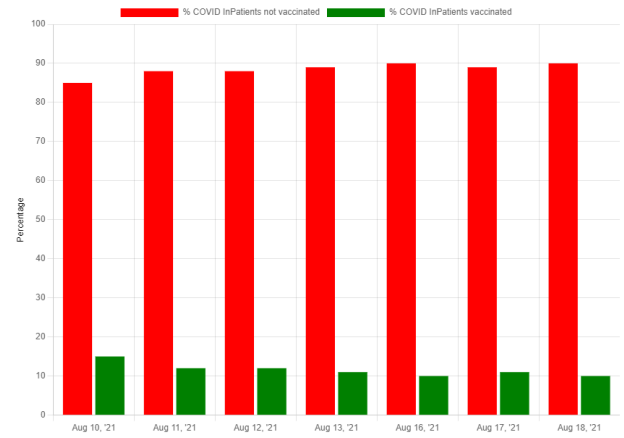
Pediatric Hospitalizations by Day



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (UF Health)



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (NFRMC)



Uses of Funds

The Alachua County Citizen Vaccination Program aligns with the Public Health, COVID-19 Vaccination category (1.1) under the American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Having a fully vaccinated population is paramount to ending COVID-19 in our society.

Under the Alachua County Citizen Vaccination Program, all Alachua County residents (do we want to limit to Alachua residents or anyone that gets vaccinated in Alachua County?) will be provided an incentive award of **\$25** for each COVID-19 vaccination, including booster shots (or **\$50** for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

The program maximum cost will be **\$4,500,000**, which represents a **100%** vaccination rate. The realistic goal is to get **45,000** additional citizens fully vaccinated representing **81%** of the eligible population, and will cost **\$2,250,000**.

Goals and Measures

The vaccination program will run from September 1 to November 30, 2021. The County will partner with the 5 commercial chains to supply gift cards of that chain at the time of vaccination. The providers will provide list, without identifiable information, of how many vaccines were administered for reimbursement.

Our goal is to attain an 80% vaccination rate of the eligible public in Alachua County. We will measure and report progress to the Manager on a weekly basis and provide a final report of effectiveness of the program in December 2021.