

Alachua County
Recovery Plan

American Rescue Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

County Government Health Plan
Vaccination Program

GENERAL OVERVIEW

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).

Alachua County Government, including Constitutional Officers, provide health insurance benefits to employees and their families. This insurance is funded through premiums paid by employees as well as the Government itself. Health insurance cost in response to COVID-19 from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was \$3,578,077. As a self-funded plan, these cost drive up premiums, causing the County to divert funds for public services to the health plan. In that vaccinated plan members will dramatically reduce the need for hospitalization in the future, cost can be better contained and left in funds to deliver public services. Our goal is to have as many vaccinated health plan members as possible to reduce hospitalizations and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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

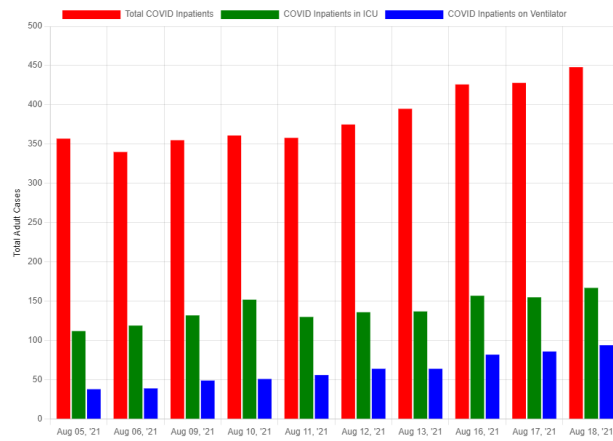
Hospital Information

This information is updated Monday-Friday

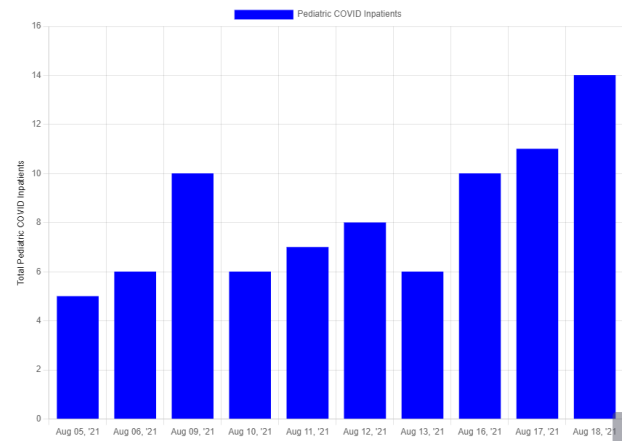
Sources: UF Health, North Florida Regional Medical Center, and Alachua County Fire Rescue

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

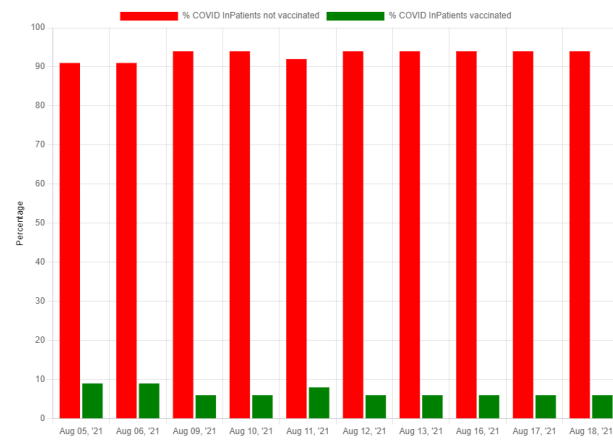
Adult Hospitalizations by Day



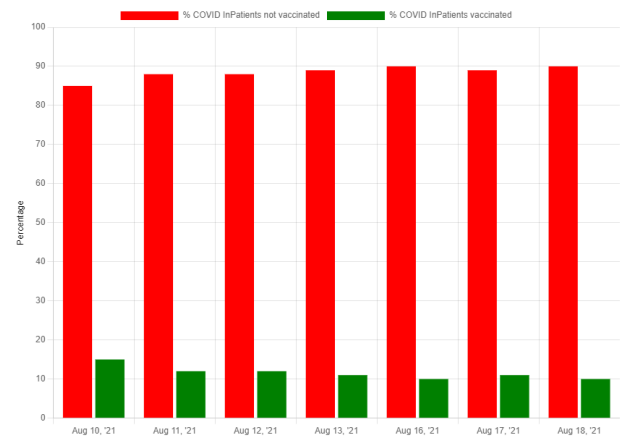
Pediatric Hospitalizations by Day



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (UF Health)



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (NFRMC)



Uses of Funds

The Alachua County Government Health Plan Vaccination Program aligns with the Public Health, COVID-19 Vaccination category (1.1) under the American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Reducing hospitalizations and the associated cost for plan members will limit future premium increases and allow funds to remain available to provide services to the public.

Under the Alachua County Government Employee Health Plan Program, all members of the Alachua County Health Insurance Plan will be provided an incentive award of \$10 per member per month premium credit upon being fully vaccinated. If they are not fully vaccinated prior to October 1, 2021, they may receive a prorated credit for the remainder of the fiscal year upon being fully vaccinated.

County staff will coordinate with the Clerk's office to ensure eligibility with the American Rescue Plan, and for any reason it is determined to be ineligible the County will use the General Fund dollars set aside for COVID-19 relief.

The program maximum cost will be **\$450,000**. This would represent a **100%** eligible member vaccination rate. The credit will be a maximum of **\$50 per month** per contract (5 per family for credit) and the credit is limited to the amount they pay as a premium.

This program is for one year only and will end September 2022.

Goals and Measures

Our goal is to attain an 80% vaccination rate of health plan members. We will measure and report progress to the Manager on a weekly basis through October of 2021 and provide a monthly report of effectiveness of the program through September 2022. A final report will be presented to the Board in September 2022.