

Alachua County
Recovery Plan

American Rescue Plan

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds**

County Government Employee
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 necessary and needed services to citizens’ through-out the County. Vulnerable and disproportionate citizens frequently request assistance from Public Safety, Health and Economic needs. It is important that the employees delivering these services are protected to the highest extent possible so that not only are they protected, but they are also limiting the spread to the citizens that we serve. Our goal is to have as many vaccinated employees as possible to 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

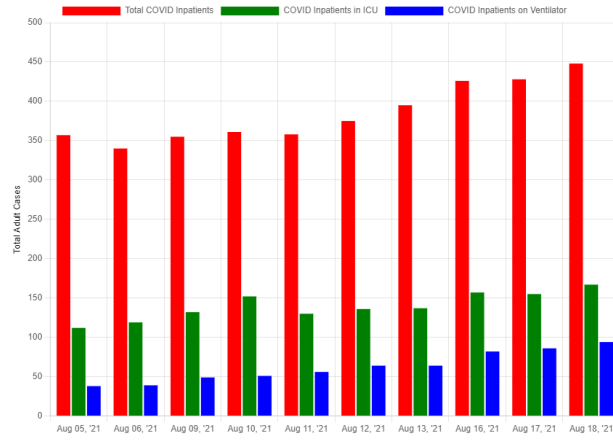
Hospital Information

This information is updated Monday-Friday

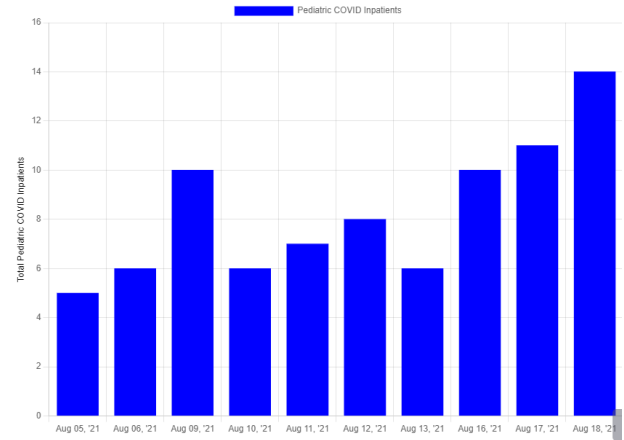
Sources: UF Health, North Florida Regional Medical Center, and Alachua County Fire Rescue

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

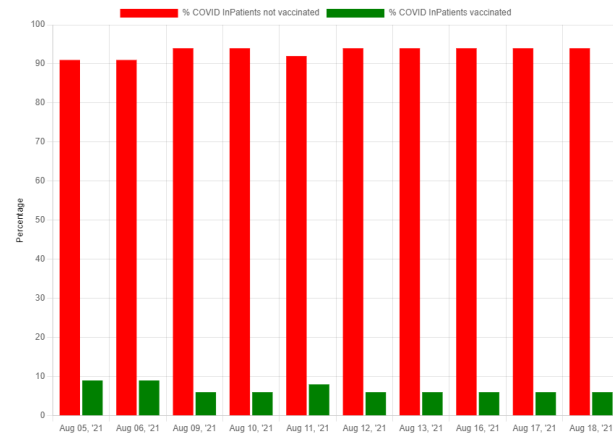
Adult Hospitalizations by Day



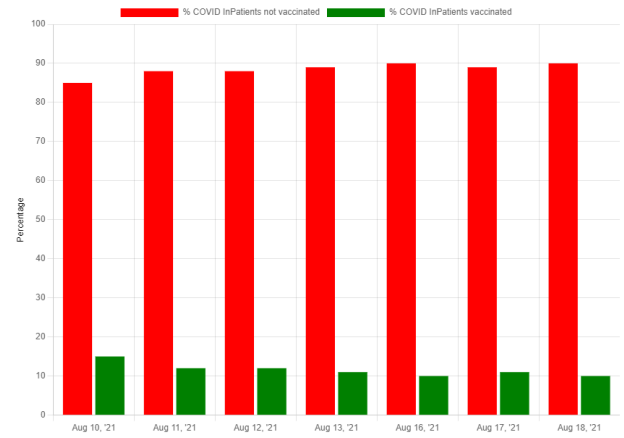
Pediatric Hospitalizations by Day



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (UF Health)



Percentage of Cases Unvaccinated vs Vaccinated (NFRMC)



Uses of Funds

The Alachua County Government Employee 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 workforce will allow County Government Services to be provided to vulnerable, disproportionately impacted and economically challenged citizens will reduce the spread of COVID-19, reduce the anxiety to those seeking services, and provide a more stable workforce that is not out due to COVID-19 illness.

Under the Alachua County Government Employee Vaccination Program, all employees of the Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers will be provided an incentive award of **\$500** upon being fully vaccinated. If they are not currently fully vaccinated, they may receive **\$250** after the first shot and **\$250** after the second shot, as long as they receive the first shot (or the Johnson & Johnson shot) prior to October 1, 2021. If an employee is not eligible for the vaccination because they recently had COVID-19, there timeline for the first shot may be extended to the date of eligibility as determined by their physician.

County staff will coordinate with the Clerk's office to ensure all taxes and benefit issues are in compliance with Federal and State laws.

The program maximum cost will be **\$1,200,000**. This would represent a **100%** vaccination rate. Achieving the **90%** goal will cost **\$1,080,000**.

Goals and Measures

The Board of County Commission employees are required to self-report their vaccinations status by August 31, 2021. Upon completion we will report current vaccination rates to the Board.

Our goal is to attain an 90% vaccination rate of employees. We will measure and report progress to the Manager on a weekly basis and provide a final report of effectiveness of the program in November 2021.