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Kern County Public Health Announces Latest COVID-19 Facts

- There are 511 newly reported confirmed cases in Kern County, bringing our total confirmed cases to date to 124,943.
- There are 3 new deaths being reported today and a total of 1,465 COVID-19 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- The 14-day case rate is 38.69 per 100,000.
- As of August 29, 725,313 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Kern County residents. 345,678 or 45.8% of Kern's eligible population have been *fully* vaccinated against COVID-19.
- As of August 30, Kern County had 270 COVID-19 related hospitalizations and 51 were in the ICU.

In the most recent three weeks there has been a 32.5% increase in first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines administered in Kern County.

“We are encouraged to see first dose vaccination administration rates continuing to rise in our community,” said Brynn Carrigan, Director of Kern County Public Health. “We continue to urge everyone to use all available tools to protect against COVID-19 including getting vaccinated, masking, physical distancing, washing your hands, staying home when you are sick or been exposed, and staying in overall good health by eating well and regularly exercising.”

To stay up to date on COVID-19 and to view an interactive map of COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations visit <https://kernpublichealth.com/2019-novel-coronavirus/>.

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