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Kern County Public Health Announces Latest COVID-19 Facts

- There are 1,911 newly reported confirmed cases in Kern County (this represents a 4-day period as we do not update the dashboard on weekends or holidays), bringing our total confirmed cases to date to 128,770.
- There are 3 new deaths being reported today and a total of 1,485 COVID-19 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- The 14-day case rate is 41.44 per 100,000.
- As of September 6, 743,126 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Kern County residents. 348,068 or 46.2% of Kern's eligible population have been *fully* vaccinated against COVID-19.
- As of today, Kern County has 329 COVID-19 related hospitalizations and 71 are in the ICU.

We continue to see first dose administration rates increase in Kern County. In the most recent three weeks there has been a 16.4% increase in first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines administered.

With flu season upon us, Kern County Public Health urges everyone 6 months and older to get a flu shot.

“During this pandemic, it is especially important for our residents to get their annual flu vaccine,” said Brynn Carrigan, Director of Kern County Public Health. “This will help decrease flu activity in our community and help ease the burden on our healthcare system.”

Getting a flu shot is an easy and safe action we can take to keep ourselves and our loved ones healthy during the pandemic. Flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines can be given at the same time.

In addition to getting your flu shot, practice healthy habits like maintaining a healthy diet, hand washing, staying at least 6 feet away from others, wearing a face covering when in public, and staying at home when sick. These steps will protect you from both the flu and COVID-19.

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