

# Monthly Update: COVID-19

## Question of the Month

Is the COVID-19 pandemic over?

**No, the pandemic is not over!**

Many of us know someone who has recently contracted COVID-19, sometimes for the second or third time. In fact, case rates have been spiking since early summer, resulting in a rise in statewide hospitalizations from 330 to 599 during June.

Among the factors in this increase are:

- The new, highly contagious subvariants of the COVID-19 virus that continue to emerge
- The fact that immunity, from either an infection or a vaccine, decreases over time

Although recent COVID-19 cases tend to be less severe, everyone should remain cautious, particularly those with preexisting health conditions.



**We aren't out of the woods yet!**

**Remember: Your local health department has the COVID-19 vaccine available.**

**Call (731) 645-3474 for details!**

The map at right shows the percentage of residents in McNairy County and its neighboring counties who had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of the end of June.

At **55.3%**, McNairy County ranks **30th** in Tennessee for vaccinations.

Meigs, the highest-ranked county in TN, has a **76.5%** vaccination rate.

**78.3%** of Americans have received at least one dose.

