

Oct. 1, 2021

Faculty, Staff and Students,

ORC Update

The current ORC Level remains at A-2 despite [continued improvement](#) in Missouri, [Clay County](#) and surrounding jurisdictions.

The College has reached an 86.6% completed vaccination rate with an initiated rate near 88%. The College will not mandate a third booster shot (Pfizer/BioNTech) for those who are eligible, but encourage all eligible individuals to take the best action for their health and wellness.

There are currently two individuals in isolation, one of which is isolating in Browning. Contact tracing by *Rapid Trace* is ongoing. 44 results were negative this week with 1 positive (1/45) following last week's 1 positive in 47 results. Since September 11, there have been 2 positive cases out of 141 test results received.

As mentioned Thursday via email, the College has obtained nearly 200 antigen tests to be provided to students and employees. Finding tests locally has become a challenge and this will allow for timely responses entering cold and flu season.

Human Resources announced the October 20 flu shot clinic in Wednesday's Jewell Today release. More information is forthcoming.

The College continues to have weekly conversations with local partners and institutions of higher education within Missouri and will share any new developments.

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