



Public Health
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Dear Community Partner,

Growth in new cases has finally started to slow. We've added 359 new cases in the last week (total 16,969). One new death was reported, bringing this sad total to 298.

Vaccination data for the county as a whole (as of Tuesday, April 20): 96,711 SLC residents have received their first dose of the vaccine, and 74,900 have completed their vaccination series. We continue to post open clinic slots online at stlouiscountymn.gov/vaccineregistration. We urge all people ages 16+ to get vaccinated, not just to protect themselves, but to prevent spread and potential virus mutations.

New emphasis on testing youth athletes: Because of the increase in cases among young people throughout the state, and the increasing presence of COVID variants, the state is now urging athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers and other participants to get tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. Students not participating in sports or other group activities are still strongly encouraged to test every two weeks. MDH and the Department of Education are working together to help schools that want to arrange testing options to make it as easy as possible for families to get tested. [Details here](#).

Speaking of testing, the state's test site at the Hibbing Armory is moving. Beginning next week, the test site will now operate from the Chisholm Armory: 900 West Lake Street in Chisholm. [News release](#)

#OurShot2SaveLives

Dozens of hospitals around the country, including Essentia and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, have partnered for a new campaign, voicing their confidence in the safety of the vaccine and the need for everyone to do their part to get vaccinated. I encourage you to check out this short video ourshot2savelives.org/ and share the message with others. It's a great reminder that getting vaccinated isn't just about protecting the individual, it's for the good of all.

Thank you for all you continue to do. As always, I'm available by phone/email Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm to help with any questions about COVID or the vaccine.

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Looking for accurate, up to date COVID-19 information? Find it here:

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
St. Louis County COVID-19 online dashboard
