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We can't hear you, Jeff. It was the really good morning. Everyone and we had a lot of great information today.

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Glad with us we are going to start out with a.

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Over overview of covet data currently in theory and.

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Some resources and information for.

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Our stakeholders related to cope it and I'd like to introduce Leslie to corrupt. She is our clinical coordinator for the division and our in our end and.

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Luckily, I'll let you take it from here. Okay. Thank you. Jess I appreciate being asked to be here.

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Um, it's an honor and I'm just happy to share this information with all of you.

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Um, as just said, I am a registered nurse, and I've worked with the Department of mental health in the division of developmental disabilities since 2008. I've had many different roles from working in the units to call the enhancement.

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And so, as she said, I'm here to talk about cobit, 19, and review some data that I have on where we are in Missouri with.

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I also want to talk about ways that we can stay safe and also offer some resources as just said, so that you or someone, you know, may be able to use them.

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Um, you know, in case you need to get test, free testing or a vaccine, or just.

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Just want to learn more about Kobe.

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Um, google's a beautiful thing, but we do have these resources already in hand. So, um.

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Yes, definitely want to share that information. So I'm gonna share my screen if you'll just give me a 2nd. Sorry. I'm a little.

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Sorry guys, thank you for bearing with me.

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Now, what I'm hike already had on the screen was our and.

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Page that does have a D. D specific information related to code. So you can always go there and look at our different guidance and different resources that we have on that page.

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What I'm showing you now and I apologize. It does. It's a little bit grim way to start off.

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But it is something that's really important that I feel like, needs highlighted. So we can just know how serious that this disease is, especially for people with intellectual developmental disabilities.

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This data, right here, it's a table that shows the number of code that's per age per month per age group per month since April of 2020, the number of deaths, and the younger age groups are rising, according to this data.

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You see, there really wasn't a lot all year here.

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In sort of a full months you had a few, but now.

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And then March and April of this year, you didn't really have any.

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But then when we get into May, and June, there's a.

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Someone 50 to 59 and then up here is what concerns me as I'm concerned about. Everybody don't get me wrong, but, you know, we thought of this as an older person's disease where that we really had to worry about people over 65.

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well, people are passing away in the tend to 19 group.

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The 20 to 2009 group in here, we have the 30 to 39 group now. I don't want to scare you, but I just want you to know that this is serious. And the CDC has guidelines of staying safe that we will cover. So just remember that we will cover that.

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I'm going to scroll down. Pardon? My crude.

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I put it on a word doc and this is just another way to illustrate deaths.

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Per month, see it pete's right here at 14 and then you can see over here June, it kind of maintained at 1 and then July jumped up to 4.

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We've already had 1 in August and it's only the 6.

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So that, you know, that's just very concerning.

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Let's see, I'll go to the next scroll down to the next 1.

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Quite a tremendous increase from total cases, as you can see. I mean, we thought things were getting better. People were starting to get vaccinated. The cases just weren't.

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Weren't showing up, but now that they really have surge, we are doing a lot of testing. However, there are a lot of people with the symptoms. So the testing is definitely necessary.

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I'm here in August show. 6.

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Or 6, excuse me cases this just kind of shows how it's all break and broken out with a.

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The different types of waivers that we have, I'm going to scroll on down.

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This is just another way to look at it total cases by event data and we enter this information into an event reporting.

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Um, system so that we can keep track and know how we're doing and just, it helps it helps us know.

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Like, where we need to send more support or resources.

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So that's just another way to look at that data.

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I actually have a link where you can see this information if you look it up.

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I believe it is um, I'm switching gears a little bit. This is now.

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Um, I look at data related to our Missouri hospitals and how Kovac 19 is impacting them.

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This is the current hospital status, and all regions in Missouri as of August 3rd, as you can see the total covert 19 hospitalized patients is 2125.

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Uh, let's see the remaining total hospital bed capacity, inpatient and outpatient is 27%.

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Remaining inpatient bed capacity is 17% so, um, the, the disease and people who are ill with it are definitely taxing our hospital resources.

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As you can see here, this is I see, you are intensive care unit, code, 19, patients and intensive care unit and this data was pulled on the 3rd of August. So just a few days ago.

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That there were 634 people in the intensive care unit.

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The remaining I see you bed capacity. 16%. That's not very much.

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As you can tell, ventilators, we have the ventilator information from Missouri who would 19 patients on ventilators 347.

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And then the remaining ventilator capacity is 67%.

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And I'm going to scroll down and the links. I'm not sure if we.

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Host links and the chat, but we can definitely get that figured out for you if.

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You want to look at some of my resources.

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To 1 more thing. Okay covert, 19 hospitalizations.

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It's kind of there's a lot of kind of a lot of stuff on here. I hope you can see it. Okay. A large it a little bit. Maybe.

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But the Kobe, 19 hospitalizations, the per of graph.

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Chose total code 19 patients in the hospital by day as you can see, it starts July 1st of last year, and ends in July of this year.

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You can see that the cases are much higher. This this year than last. See, there's.

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Where where it starts around a 1000.

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And then you go up to here and it's 2000. so it has doubled.

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So, that's that's troubling.

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In my opinion, cobit 19 patients and I see you by day, the comparison is similar from July 1st of last year to July 1st of this year. The IC Kobe patients are quadrupled in numbers.

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We have 200 that this is, you're a year ago in July and then we come over to here.

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2 current, and it is up to 600 so that's.

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Quite a quite a deal.

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I think that was my last graphic that I wanted to share with you, but I'd also I'd like to talk about.

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Let's see here. So now that we've looked at the data, I'd like to talk about ways. You keep yourself and other safe, because that date is kind of scary and we want to know we don't want to be hopeless and not think we can't know. What are we going to do?

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I mean, it is a stressful time, but there are things that you can remember that you can do in order to stay safe and what I'm going to pull up right now.

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Is the department okay, the Department of health and senior sir, I'm trying to click on it. Sorry.

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It's kind of going slow, but the Department of health and senior services, they teamed up with a Missouri developmental disabilities council trick to create a cobit, 19 plain language guide for the disability community. It talks about what, what is.

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What are the symptoms information on vaccines and it has other resources for if you have to stay home things that you might need to keep in mind it also tells about where,

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if you need a right to get a vaccine,

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I believe it has testing it just has all kinds of things in it,

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and it's may it's put together in layman's terms so we can all read it and easily figure out what we need to know from it and going to try and click that link again.

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Okay, maybe I can I'm going to do this. I just want to kind of show you what it looks like.

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It's a, it's, it's a really neat document. I'm just so happy that they.

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But they made it for us.

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Thank you for bearing with me, you guys.

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Oh, I'm not able to get that pulled up. Um, I, I'll keep trying here in a little bit. We'll post the link though, especially so, if you guys want to want to check it out, it's it's it's a nice tool to have.

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Some of the things that it also talks about, which I'm going to just say it on here, just as a reminder.

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Um, and I know that our doctor or our medical director Dr last, she's a brilliant woman, and she has been saying back to the basics, you know, we gotta get back to the basics.

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In the basics, remember wash your hands and if you can't wash your hands, make sure you have some hand sanitizer handy. They even have those little pocket ones that you can carry. I'm sure most of you probably already do that. But that's just a reminder.

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It's still just as important as it has been.

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Wear a face covering when you go into a public place and if, and you can't stay 6 feet apart.

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And, um, this is 1 thing that I know people will bring up and I notice it too sometimes, but don't forget to cover your nose as well as your mouth. When you have your face coverings on.

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Because you can still, you're still breathing through your nose and injecting particles in the air and bringing particles back in. So if you have that barrier over your nose and mouth, that will definitely help.

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Stay at least 6 feet, which is about 2 arm links from other people.

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Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.

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Avoid touching your face by keeping your hands busy.

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These measures are even recommended by the CDC for those who have been vaccinated.

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And I have a link for that as well if you, if anybody that we can share, perhaps on July 27th of this year, the CDC did update the recommendations for fully.

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Vaccinated people and.

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Stop sharing my screen for right now just because I just realized you guys are probably just looking at a blank page.

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so another tool that we have available to help decrease your risk for serious illness,

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or death is,

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the coban vaccine,

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taking the vaccine is not for everyone and you should definitely check with your doctor.

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If you have any concerns about taking it.

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Um, however, it has been proven in most cases to be effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death.

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Um, it has also proven effective against the delta variant, which is what is surging through our population now.

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And I heard this is kind of a downer too. I heard that there is a.

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Lambda variant, and it is in South America so that's something. We'll be definitely watching.

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For sure some things back to the delta.

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Some things to know about the delta variant it is much more contagious than the original strain of covert 19. the symptoms seem to appear right away in many cases. And often people are reporting sore throat, runny nose and headache.

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You can still have all the other symptoms that have been listed and if you need to recheck those symptoms. Definitely. Go to the center for centers for Disease Control and prevention for the website and even on our homepage.

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So you can, if something's going on, it could be stomach or diarrhea or vomiting. I mean, it just so varied with people that I have heard that the sore throat runny nose and headache has been common with this variant.

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So, just remind, Anya.

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And if you're needing any information about getting tested for free or getting vaccinated, such as where to go how to how to get to the location, the website.

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Um, it's well, we can probably post it, but it's like most stops coded and it gives you all kind of it all kinds of information and how to help.

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How to get help with POV 19 testing individuals that are taking care of.

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Um, equality or equity, it helps with seniors and homebound adults businesses. They have a tool kit for. If you want to share information they also have a get a ride feature.

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So, if you're needing a ride, you just type in your location, and you can figure out a way to get a right to go get your vaccine.

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And then they also have local vaccinate vaccination events posted on there where people have it set up. And I think they're, they probably have some kind of drive through. I'm not sure but.

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That's just got all kinds of good information.

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And I want to throw this out there for you guys I wonder if I can get on that link I couldn't get on the other 1 but let me see if I can show you this 1.

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It might be working and it is.

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Is this just a real cool site? I'm going to share my screen again.

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If I can, and thanks again for bearing with me.

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Kind of kind of not very smooth here.

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Get over here to paper or word doc. Okay.

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So this is what it looks like, and look how it says right here, enter to win 10,000 dollars. So that's totally something you could take advantage of.

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So you just if you've been vaccinated, you can click on that and enter to win.

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Winner, so that's an incentive. That's just how important.

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And just getting a vaccine that just there's scientific evidence behind it and that just shows how important.

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It is that they're, they're creating a a lottery to help motivate people. That's that's definitely 1 way to keep people.

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Uh, keep the spread under control. I mean, yes, you can still get sick if you have been vaccinated, but your symptoms.

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Um, for the most part will not be as bad as if you have not been vaccinated.

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So it is, it's a good tool to have in your pocket.

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And in closing, I want to also share 1 last piece of information to think about. And this is for our group.

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This is what we need to focus on the Centers for Disease Control and prevention, or CDC has people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. They're considered a high risk group.

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We have people with hypertension, other diseases, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities. They're considered a high risk group.

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And so, in high risk means serious illness, hospitalization, and even death could occur if they contracted Kobe.

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So, please consider the safety measures that we discussed this morning to keep yourself as safe. And just as.

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Save it and well as possible and healthy and.

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Keep the people who maybe at higher risk so we can all all of us work together to prevent any tragic outcomes.

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Or any more tragic, tragic outcomes, I should say. Um, so we've got these simple tools that we can use. And if we just work together, I mean, misery, we're going to prevail. Missouri are going to prevail. We just have to keep this stuff in mind.

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And I don't know if there's anything in the chat I need to be responding to I kind of have been seeing stuff pop up.

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And so I'll, I'll just close with.

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Um, this is the information that I've prepared to share with you today and I, thank you so much for let me be part of your life for this this brief moment on a Friday morning.

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I hope this information has been useful for you, and I hope that it will give you thought on how you can stay safe and keep people that you take care of say for. We'll just keep each other safe during this pandemic.

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And thanks again, stop sharing my screen.

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Thank you Leslie for sharing all that great information. We did have several really good questions pop up in the chat.

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And 1 of them is that.

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I was not able to find an answer to you right away, but I believe is being tracked.

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At the statewide level is the number of patients.

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Who are positive who were previously vaccinated.

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And I believe that that is data that is being tracked at hospital admission level. It possibly not.

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At a statewide level in general, so that's something that we can get back to everyone on at the future update.

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But I think your point out something, if I missed it, I think we.

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Covered all of the other really good questions in the chat so.

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There is links in there, provided to.

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Um, the plain language guide to the, the direct link to the hospitalization data that Leslie had pulled that.

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So that you can see the point in time as need to monitor your area.

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And then the yeah, there was a question a really great question about a day, have provider or any type of provider who is.

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Wanting information on testing and including by next now testing.

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Um, so we have an email address that goes straight to leslie's team and they will.

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And I posted that email address in the chat. They can help you with anything you need regarding testing and getting access to testing resources, understanding how to use it. Understanding kind of talking through. How often do you use it based on your circumstances?

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So really encourage you to reach out to them and talk that through.

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And and make those decisions based on.

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Your populations also, there was a question about specific.

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Delta variant symptoms, and the link to that health advisory with those specific symptoms.

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Is in the chat if you'd like to take a look at that.

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There was a really good question about the lamb area of the United States.

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And at this point, we do know that there are approximately 1000 confirmed cases of the land of variant in the United States and.

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We are learning.

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As we go on that and really.

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Depending on our doctors here, the CDC and Department of health and senior services to provide us with.

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Updated timely information on how we should react appropriately in order to keep everyone's safe and any changes that we should make.

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So, if there's something in between these types of calls, that kind of that.

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Regarding that, and how we should proceed, the division will communicate that information through normal channels.

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So, with that, we'll take a look at some other questions in the chat as we go through this, but I am going to turn it over to Wendy or no, I'm sorry.

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Next is Andy, and just going to talk about some of the flexibility that we have in place.

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Regarding and.

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And turn it over to you. All right. Thank you so much. We are going to show you a flexibility chart that we have on our website, and we have recently updated it.

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Due to the federal, public, health, emergency, extended some on our website. You can see here the coded, 19 flexibility authority chart.

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On this, we have multiple ways of receiving flexibility and that is through our federal.

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The federal, the waiver application.

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We also have, um, state regulations, things like that. So if package you scroll back up just a little bit. I want to make sure to show the dates.

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At the top, so we also have 1135, which is state plan.

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Services that are kind of outside of the waiver.

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The federal public health emergency is set to expire on October 18th of 2021.

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Our state, public, health, emergency or declaration of emergency is set to expire on August 31st. So that's set to expire before the federal, public health emergency.

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The federal, public, health emergency specifically works with our appendix K and our 1135 waver. flexibilities.

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In our appendix, Kate, it gets a little confusing here. So I'm trying to talk about it slowly here. The appendix K. flexibilities that we have that are going to be listed out in this chart.

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Those will not expire.

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Any later than 6 months after the termination of the federal, public health emergency. So.

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Right now the federal public health emergency expires on October 18th, 2021, so any flexibility that we have listed in the column, 1135 and appendix K.

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We'll continue through April 18th of 2022.

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If it is a flexibility that's from the state.

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That's set to expire on August 31st.

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Those would be listed under the column that says state.

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Which includes the governor's declaration, so any CSR in there would expire on August 31st. So you'll see as we kind of walk through this, there's going to be some that are conflicting. We are in conversations with the governor's office just about those conflicting flexibilities.

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So, we'll continue to keep everyone posted on where, where that lands. But this flexibility chart is specifically for all of department of mental health. So, the 1st section is division of behavioral health and I want to take you down.

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To if you don't mind scrolling down to the division of of DD and I can show an example.

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Where we have an appendix K authority as well as a, as a CSR. So Here's our 1st example, when you look at our personal assistant services.

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For self directed, and we've got the limitation of of the 40 hours per week.

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Our appendix, Kay, that was approved back in May of 20.

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20 has that flexibility, so that flexibility according to the appendix K will as of right now.

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Be okay through April of 2022. however, at the same time, we have a state regulation.

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That has the limitation of 40 hours per week.

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That right now only goes through August 31st so that's why we're in the process of of talking with departments with governor's office about that.

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Difference that we'll have if if the state.

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Emergency does not get extended and there's a couple other in here. Hi. Could you mind scrolling down? Just a little bit more.

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So here's another 1. sorry on our med administration certifications. There are flexibilities in state regulation.

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That would expire on August 31st, but again we have those flexibilities that would last further through.

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Um, to April of 2022 through for our appendix K.

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So, everyone to take a chance to.

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To look at the, the guidance, it's really it's, it's been a great resource for all of us.

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Here in the office, central office, and with even our other agencies just to, because it's so complicated when we have all these different flexibilities from different areas. But it list them out very succinctly. And then, where the authority lies.

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So just wanted to make sure everyone saw that and then really understand.

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The differences between those end dates, and that we continue to track and monitor those closely and have those conversations. So that everyone is aware of those differences.

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The next thing I want to update, thank you. Hi. Good. Very much. I appreciate it.

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The next thing I wanted to do is just to give a quick update on budget items.

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Our team has worked really hard on implementing the rate increases that were effective July 1st, through general revenue. And so that was the 5% increase today, have community integration, individual skill development, all the employment services.

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And then as well as our personal assistant rates to bring them up to.

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An equal level of department of health and senior services rate study. Those all went into effect July. 1st.

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We have those in place now.

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And I wanted to thank all the providers that worked with our regional offices on any of those pending Billings that caused some rejections. And we really appreciate your time on that.

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Which brings us to the next set of rate adjustments that we are going to be focusing on. And that will be group home.

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An rate standardization as well as the 5.29% personal assistant rate increases.

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That will be effective July. 1st, 2021.

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Once has approved our CBS spend plan that we submitted on July 12. if you remember the general assembly passed.

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Through the budget to bring all group home and rates up to the Mercer lower bound.

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From the rate study, and then an additional 5.29% rate increase.

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2 personal assistant services I'm utilizing.

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The enhanced a CBS f map funding.

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For fiscal year, 2002, only so funding will need to be determined again for fiscal year 2003 for those specific.

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Rate increases we submitted our plan on July 12 and indicated to all states that they would receive.

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Approval or word back from within 30 days. So we anticipate hearing something back from CMS next week on August, 12.

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We did ask for an expedited approval for the rate increases that were passed.

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Utilizing enhanced so that way we could get those in the system.

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When we do that, we will probably needing some provider assistance again. If providers have been submitting.

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Invoices for the residential services are ready for the month of August. So if there's pending billings in our system.

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Again, we'll need to work with you just so we do not have those rejected claims when we enter those new rates in.

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So, again, we'll work with you regional business offices and provider relations will.

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We'll work closely with you on that, and we hope to get that cleared up as quick as possible and then we will work with you as well to go back to clean up the July rate adjustments. We want to be very efficient and how we do that.

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And timely, so we'll, we'll lay out a plan and share that with, you.

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And then I do want to since we're talking about the.

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Cbs spend plan,

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I wanted to remind everyone that that is out on the MO,

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health net website for public comment through August 15th and we really encourage everyone to take a look at it participate in that public comment opportunity and remember,

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when you review this been spend plan in order for us to spend those funds,

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we will need appropriation authority granted to the general assembly.

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The only items in those spend plan list that you look at that have already been appropriated.

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We, that we already have appropriation authority for are the rate standardization and the rate increases that we just talked about. So, once we receive that approval, we can move right away on on getting.

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Those implemented in the system, everything else will have to wait for appropriation authority and we continue to work on a decision items for that remaining.

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Spend plan components, so that is.

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Well, I have for updates and I think what I can do is go through and look to see if there's questions it looks like some are being answered, but I can go ahead and turn it over to Wendy.

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For her updates, and then I can work on answering questions in the chat.

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So, Wendy, thank you, Angie and thanks for going over those flexibilities. 1st, because that leads into just a reminder to the providers that.

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Um, you have the same options available to you now, as you did during the 1st round of.

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Of coven, 19, and the things that you had tools that you had, that you could do in order to meet to protect the people in your care, or make the decisions that you needed to make as an agency.

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All of our providers, I think, did a spectacular job.

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And doing what they needed to do, and keeping people safe, the 1st go around. So we have at most confidence.

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And your continuing ability to make decisions with the new variant and and throwing in the complexities of, are you vaccinated? Are you not vaccinated and all those kinds of things?

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I know that some people become aware of what.

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Um, the division has done or decisions the decision the division has made in regard to state operated programs.

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And I think it might be helpful to remember that just wears 2 hats.

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So, the decisions that she makes as a provider.

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On the side, and for state operated programs, she makes as a provider and doesn't.

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Um, translate or mean that they will become mandates.

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That she would make as a funder for our community network and program network.

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That's why we, we try to maintain as much flexibility as we can for our providers to make the decisions that make sense for them giving, given the circumstances in their community within their program.

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They're serving, there's just a lot of nuances that we know have to be considered. And so sometimes you might think that.

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Decisions made in in the provider side of our house might translate to mandates.

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On the on the funding side and our community provider network, and that doesn't always happen. So I hope that that's helpful to kind of keep that in mind and the 2 different hats that that just wears when she's making those kinds of decisions.

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We will continue to make or we will re, Institute expedited utilization review. If that becomes necessary for program changes that need to be made.

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Of programs are consolidating homes or changing if a programs.

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End up closing and we're needing to make service changes.

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Quickly we will, we will launch that program again so that we don't interrupt your business cash flow and we get those things made and done expeditiously. So.

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If we need to do that know that we will be doing that again.

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Keep in mind that we should already be having in place. We've been through a whole year now, so everybody.

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Who has a service plan would have gone through a planning here by now.

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But we should have included in those service plans what individuals need.

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To either learn, or be supported to do in order to self protect against the virus.

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So, if someone has the capability of learning how to social distance, or how to tolerate wearing a mask, those should be learning objectives in their programs. If that is not.

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Something that is expected to be a good learning goal, then it should be clear in the plan how the staff need to support people to keep them safe when they're going out in the community and they're engaging another activity.

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So, be sure that those things.

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Are included in people's plans and also just a reminder that as things change with the.

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With the virus, and we get new nuances that come into play, like, with the vaccinations and such.

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That providers need to be sure to review their policies that they have in place.

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Around the pandemic in your Colvin and your response.

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To outbreaks and make sure that they still are current that they still make sense.

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With the new information that we have be really vigilant in training your staff and monitoring. We will help in that monitoring piece.

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When we have gone out to homes with our different monitoring units.

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Um, I know there's been some people that are concerned that they're.

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I'm not seeing a lot of mass wearing, but we don't have any way of knowing.

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If that is consistent with policy, if it's appropriate or not appropriate.

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And if it's consistent with CDC, it's going to be.

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Up to the providers to know if.

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Who is vaccinated with the staff and the individuals serve.

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What protocols would be appropriate in that phone, but we will be asking people if they know what their policy is.

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Um, what their masking policy is, if they've got the, the available to them, or how they would.

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Go about getting it if they needed some and if they're not familiar with what those policies are.

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We will probably drop someone in the administration an email let him know that these.

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Staff and this home had these questions or.

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We didn't see anybody masking in this home and just.

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Bringing that to your attention so that you can follow up if it's appropriate or not appropriate based on everybody's.

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Vaccination status, and what your policies are so that is just our effort to try to support you and your monitoring.

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Efforts as well, and to keep everybody safe. So that is all that I have to share with you right now and I'm going to hand it back over to Jess.

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Thanks Wendy appreciate you sharing all of that great information and hopefully.

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Setting some, some light on the questions and.

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Andy, there is a really good question about the, the rates and how that relates to the Mac.

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In the chat, so I'll let you look at that and then.

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While you do, I'm going to answer a couple of other questions.

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That have come in and then turn it back to you to answer that.

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So 1 of the questions that oh, go ahead.

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I was going to say, I did respond to that just ask her if she could send me the link she's looking at and I gave her my email address and I can try to walk her through that.

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Thank you appreciate that. So, 1 of the questions that came and was regarding break cases of individuals who had been vaccinated.

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There's some really good information on the CDC's websites.

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Related to this and.

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I thought I should share it. I think it, it speaks.

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The volumes about the effectiveness of the vaccine.

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And that is, and I'll post the link in.

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In the chat for those who are interested in learning more.

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So, there as of August, 2nd, more than 164,000,000.

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Vaccinated Americans in and.

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Right now, as of that date.

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There have been 7,525.

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Hospitalized or fatal.

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Cases reported to the CDC.

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So 1 thing that's important to know about that, is that.

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These are they are tracking holistically.

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Everyone has been vaccinated and what their health outcomes are.

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So, there are, they started that in an effort to make sure that they.

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We're gathering all of the right data, so it can break down further, but it's important to know.

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That I've those 7,525 individuals.

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You had those breakthrough instructions that were severe.

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Age, 65 and older.

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74% total.

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Was 1507 so of the 164Million individuals who've been vaccinated.

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That is 1507.

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Dev, 316 of those that 21%.

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Among vaccinated individuals were not related to code at 19.

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So, hopefully, that makes sense they're tracking.

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Tracking this information and.

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And trying to give a full picture.

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Um, so I will shoot the link into the chat that has that.

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Not really helpful information to show.

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The really the value of a vaccination and protecting all of that.

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And the other thing that I wanted to answer was regarding the extension possible extension of.

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Remote monitoring into September.

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And so we will be within the next week, because I know everybody needs to make plans for the next month. So, probably closer to in the next 2 days.

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Posting information and updates related to.

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Um, the extension of remote monitoring as they can, the surge continues of the delta variants in Missouri. It's important that.

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We reduce our footprint wherever possible.

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We're not delivering hands on direct care services to individuals.

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We want to dispense as much as possible in that same realm.

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We want to make sure that people are still being seen and monitored and so there'll be some additional information about that extension of remote monitoring into September.

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Um, regarding if someone hasn't been seen in a certain length of time.

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Um, in person that we, we want that that monitoring visit to happen in person and, of course, there are always.

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Those caveats, but have always been special situations that have always been in that guidance because That'll continue to be in there, but expect that information to come out in the next few days and we will continue into.

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Remote monitoring in September to reduce that footprint.

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Hopefully reduce the spread, but also at the same time, include some information to make sure that people are being seen on a regular basis.

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To ensure the safety, so with that.

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There are, there's another topic I wanted to talk about that.

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Is going on in the midst of a pandemic crisis and that is.

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The the workforce crisis, and how it has affected.

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The individuals that we serve, and the crisis that they are experiencing and so we wanted to share this information with you in an effort to.

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Ensure that there was.

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A, an understanding among everyone who works with us that this is a statewide issue that we are currently experiencing related to workforce crisis. And I think in the past, when we've had individual.

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Who we serve, who have been.

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Uh, in a crisis situation really being defined as there is.

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New provider available to serve them.

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But it has been kind of a 1 off situation, and we've always been able to to really find a solution.

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Um, by by working through a regional office to, and with local providers or state network providers to.

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To find a solution and that hasn't been the case.

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In recent months the pandemic has.

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Increase the, the, or the, the workforce crisis, put it in additional strain on it. And so what we're seeing are.

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Crises issues that we are not able to.

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Resolved which is the worst possible outcome, and we continue to try to resolve them. And then there are things that a larger systematic level that we are working with the administration to.

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Uh, improve and move forward on what we can do for individuals and providers to, to make sure that this is not happening.

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Um, but just to give you a picture of what is currently going on. So this is as of.

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July 30th, we have 61 individuals in crisis statewide meaning that those are individuals that.

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We cannot find services for and they are, they're in in crisis.

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And have high behaviors and need somewhere to go.

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21 of those individuals as of that date were in the hospital. 7 were in a jail.

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8 were at their home in an unsafe situation.

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20 were with a provider.

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And they, the provider has given notice and that notice had expired or that provider was continuing to serve them.

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And possibly at the, the detriment of staff.

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Looking at extreme over time and things like that.

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A couple of just cases just to kind of show you that. This is, this is something that's happening statewide and.

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So 1 cases we have a 16 year old who.

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Has been 4 now, 46 days in an emergency department. That is.

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Be the place placement option with support from hospital staff.

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And that comes after discharged from a crisis that crisis respite facility.

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Data multiple elements and episodes of violence, resulting and injury.

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Uh, this individual has been in the consumer referral database for over 5 months.

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And there are 3 providers who have completed.

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Meet and greet who are currently we are awaiting response from they're trying to find staff is is what we're hearing.

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The 2nd person, like an example I have is.

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Is a 20 year old individual who has been hospitalized since.

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March as of this year, due to aggressive behaviors, and the physical size of this individual.

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In the hospital, he has often occupied a 10 bed unit by himself with 3 to 1 staffing ratio.

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This individual is in the consumer referral database.

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And on the waiting list, for multiple crisis and respite pro crisis rested program.

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So, as I talk this through, it's.

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Is it is just something that we we wanted to create an awareness because.

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I think there is an expectation of an immediate solution being unavailable and I.

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You know, I don't think or maybe that this is a regional issue, and we just wanted to let everyone know that.

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We are well aware of this growing crisis, due to the workforce shortage and it's something that we're.

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Actively working on solutions for and.

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And that that really is.

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The bad news I have to share, but bringing awareness, I think is just something that is important. So.

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Uh, we appreciate you taking the time to.

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To listen to that information and all the help that every all of the providers are doing and taking in crisis clients, because those numbers are higher and then they go down and then they go back up again because we have providers who are.

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Moving mountains to take them in if possible. So.

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Appreciate everything that's being done out there in the community.

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And with that, I am going to.

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Turn it over to station and D so that they can provide updates to you. So I will turn it over to our friends at station.

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Thanks Jess. Uh, can you guys hear me? Okay.

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Yes, we can. Right so, yeah, thank you for the update. I, you know, aside from reiterating everything that has been said regarding keeping vigilant and masking, uh, I guess I would just acknowledge that, you know.

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Everyone everyone has.

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This coban fatigue, and we, all were hoping to be out of the woods now and and but I think it is absolutely critical that we stay vigilant, um, with the things that we already know about regarding the masking getting vaccinated.

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I think, um, thanks for that information Jess, I think it's important to emphasize that nothing is 100%, but.

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The vaccination will definitely prevent most of the times any type of serious illness and I think that's the data that you were alluding to. So I would just implore people to to really keep on top of that.

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And we, at station MD really want to thank the department. I mean, the department has been very proactive in keeping this population and support staff safe.

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And, and in that sense what I would just remind everyone that we are available as a resource 24 hours a day. 7 days a week.

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To assist in any medical question, concern that you may have. I think now, more than ever especially is.

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You've seen the, uh, cases surge and, um, hospitalizations are increasing in ICU beds are being occupied anything that we can continue to do to, uh, keep people out of the system. If they don't need to be.

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is important,

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and it's important for the doctors and nurses and staff that are working that are already overwhelmed,

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but also to keep individuals and support staff safe,

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we also want to continue to administer regular care to individuals,

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address their medical concerns and not let things.

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You know, just go by the wayside. So we are there. I just again for for anyone that.

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Uh, I hope I don't sound like a broken record, but we are there 24 hours a day to answer your medical questions the Department's been amazing at providing this service to you to anyone that's on the, the waiver services. So, um, yep, great.

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There's a, I think some information about the contact numbers as on the website I do. I know I've gotten some questions. I just wanted to real quickly address that we seem to get a lot of station is.

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Is that, you know, if you're vaccinated, can you spread.

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Still spread the, the virus and and and again, a lot of this is moving target and what's out there but the.

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And the CDC is kind of mandated that yeah that you do need to still mask up.

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You still there is a chance of spreading the virus.

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Now, that's kind of also moving target some states and so municipalities are adopting re, adopting masking rules indoors. But, you know, my personal opinion and I wouldn't.

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Preach, but I, I think that anything you can do that can protect yourself and others, it's just a mask and and I think that's something that we really need to take to heart.

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Considering the population that we serve are more vulnerable to the virus. And the other question I get a lot, which just, um, it may not be clear to everyone is that.

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You know, when you get tested for cobit, or they testing for the delta Varian, the testing for the specific variance, or are genomic testing.

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So, you know, in a general test, you don't get well, you have.

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Uh, alpha or cobit Delta, so just wanted to clarify that with other people. And the, the last question that.

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Um, I don't have a specific answer for, but yeah, there are other variance out there that are, um.

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You know,

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purportedly more lethal,

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more virulent in certain areas,

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but I can tell you that the more aggressive we get with vaccinations of keeping the spread of this specific virus reduces the chance for that virus to mutate to others.

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Now, it's not 100%, but again, everything that you heard, and private hearing for about the last.

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2 years or so almost now unfortunately, we're tired of it, but still makes sense masking and watching social distancing whenever possible and and it's really trying to stay out of the health care system whenever possible. So, that's all I had.

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Unless anyone has any specific questions.

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For me.

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Such a buddy, I think there was a question in the chat related to.

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Working in offices where there were cubicles and would there be any advantage gained by.

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And that endorse space wearing a base mask while in the cubicle alone, in addition to the protocols of masking at, in the general areas of the office.

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Yeah, yeah, no, that's a great question. And I wish I had a.

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Specific answer, I would tell you that my reflexive answer is yeah, I think it, it wouldn't hurt to wear a mask while you're indoors in general, but a lot of this is based on things that are variables.

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Like, what is the circulation? Like? How far is the cubicle from someone else? What are the vaccination rates in your office? So, that being said, since some of these are unknown, I would recommend wearing a mask.

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I can tell you, when I work in the hospital, whether I'm in the middle of the, our next to a patient's bed or I'm in a cubicle type area, I keep my mask on.

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It's really only when I'm isolated in my own room area, where I take it off, but again, that's a hospital setting.

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So if you're comfortable wearing it and it's okay, that sense of you, maybe close to someone I would say, it wouldn't hurt.

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Great Thank you. I appreciate you. Addressing that.

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The other questions while we have classroom everybody here. Okay.

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Well, I want to thank all of our panelists and just really appreciate everyone's time listening today and, and the great questions that came in and engagement, and we look forward to talking to you soon.

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Have a wonderful weekend.