# JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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#### Jefferson County, NY COVID-19 Monthly Index October 2021

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Attached, please find the October 2021 Jefferson County, NY COVID-19 Monthly Index. This month's report includes a delineation of mortality data from the beginning of the pandemic to present, as well as a graphic of October 2021 hospital and community deaths due to COVID-19 and vaccination status of the decedents. It is important to note that of those vaccinated who died in October, all had significant pre-existing conditions. It is also important to note that none of the vaccinated decedents had received a third vaccine dose for being immune-compromised, nor had any of the vaccinated decedents received a booster dose.

Because vaccine efficacy is waning, risk for contracting COVID-19 is increasing in fully vaccinated individuals. It is imperative that immune-compromised individuals receive a third dose, and that all eligible receive a booster dose as soon as possible. Immune-compromised individuals can receive a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after their second dose.

Eligible individuals for a booster dose can receive Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months after the second shot. Those who received one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine can receive a booster dose at least two months after the first shot.

In addition to obtaining vaccines, it remains critically important that **everyone** follow and practice CDC prevention guidance, including masking when in public; distancing (while masked) from individuals in public, at school, and in the workplace; and disinfecting, including handwashing, and sanitizing commonly touched areas including door knobs/handles, faucets, light switches, etc.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please, stay home. Do not go to work. Do not attend school. Avoid all public areas. If you need to be tested for COVID-19, visit <u>https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you</u> to find a testing site near you.

### Vaccinations in Jefferson County, NY

People Vaccinated through 10/31/2021 -	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	80,308	68,981
% of Total Population	73.1%	62.8%
Eligible Population <a> 12 Years of Age</a>	80,308	68,981
% of Eligible Population <a>&gt; 12</a> Years of Age	88.2%	75.7%
Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control.		

#### **Testing Data:**

Total Tested through 10/31/2021: <u>192,704</u> Total Positive through 10/31/2021: <u>10,834</u> % Positive – 7 day Average\* as of 10/31/2021: <u>6.6</u>% Source: New York State Department of Health (\*14 day Average is no longer reported by the NYSDOH).

### Jefferson County, NY Community Transmission Level: HIGH

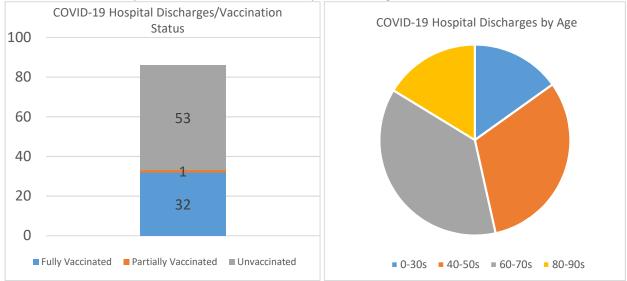
Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

#### Wastewater Results:

SARS-CoV-2 <u>City of Watertown</u>, Wastewater Testing Result, as of 10/29/2021: <u>HIGH</u> SARS-CoV-2 <u>Village of Carthage/West Carthage</u>, Wastewater Testing Result, as of 10/28/2021: <u>HIGH</u> <u>HIGH</u> = COVID-19 quantifiable indicating active transmission with remediation needed immediately. Source: Quadrant Viral Testing, LLC.

### Hospital Discharges, October 2021:

Total Jefferson County, NY Residents COVID-19 Hospital Discharges 10/1-10/31/2021: 86

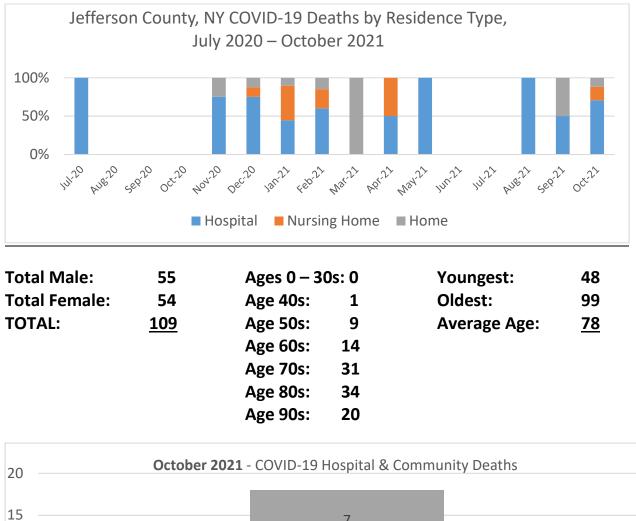


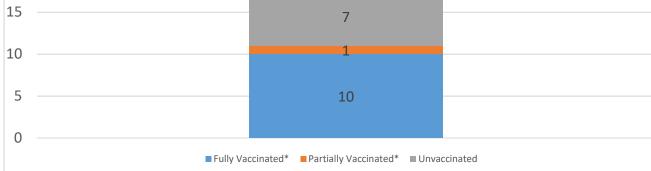
Source: Jefferson County Public Health Service; hospital and long term care facilities.

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# Deaths:

Total Jefferson County, NY Residents COVID-19 Deaths as of 10/31/2021: **<u>109</u>** July 2020 – 1; August 2020 – 0; September 2020 – 0; October 2020 – 0; November 2020 – 4; December 2020 – 8; January 2021 – 48; February 2021 – 20; March 2021 – 1; April 2021 – 2; May 2021 – 3; June 2021 – 0; July 2021 – 0; August 2021 – 2; September 2021 – 2; October 2021 – 18.





\*All vaccinated individuals that died of COVID-19 had significant pre-existing conditions. Source: Jefferson County Public Health Service; Jefferson County Medical Examiner.