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State of Missouri COVID-19 Response Vaccine Distribution Analysis

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This document includes COVID-19 data analysis for the State of Missouri in support of their vaccine ordering and distribution process

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Executive Summary | Key Insights

**COVID-19 CASE RATE HOTSPOTS**

- Several regional COVID-19 outbreak hotspots remained persistent, focused in:
  - Region D's **Springfield and Joplin areas**
  - Region E's **Kennett hotspot within Dunklin County**
  - Regions H and B's hotspots in **Worth County and Trenton**
- New and/or expanding hotspots are now in **Branson, Lebanon, and Ava**

**CENSUS TRACT ANALYSIS**

- Vaccine uptake hotspots emerged in the **Springfield metro region and suburban/exurban St. Louis communities** this week

**AGE-COHORT ANALYSES**

- Vaccine initiation increased for all populations in the latest calendar week (jumped from ~25k to ~30k)
- Region D, the area with most significant COVID-19 case rate hotspots, experienced the largest additional percent of its population initiating vaccination (0.7%) – its highest increase since Week 20
- Consistent with previous trends, the refreshed COVID-19 Vulnerability Index (18+) indicates the top 150 CTs are within 4 regions across the State – **Regions C, A, E and D (in order of appearance in top 150 CTs)**

*Note: Data on vaccinations include 1st round Moderna & Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, are based on residence of the 18+ individual vaccinated (unless otherwise stated), and are from 06/28/2021. COVID-19 case rate data is a change analysis using data from 06/21/21 to 07/02/21. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix. Full data set provided in corresponding Excel file.*
COVID-19 Case Rate Hotspot Analysis
COVID-19 Case Rate Hotspots at the Census Tract Level

For the time period between 6/21/21 and 7/2/21, case rate change is displayed on the left and statistically significant case rate hotspots are displayed on the right - areas with high changes in case rates in comparison to surrounding areas.

Regional COVID-19 outbreak hotspots again were focused within **Region D** in the **Greene County/Springfield** and **Joplin** areas.

The **Kennett** hotspot within **Dunklin County** remained consistent.

Region H and B hotspots remained persistent, with challenges remaining in **Worth County and Trenton**.

**New and/or expanding hotspots** are now in **Branson, Lebanon and Ava**.

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**Note:** COVID-19 case rate data provided by the State of Missouri as of 07/02/21. Previous 2-week change view provided in the Appendix, along with methodology, data sources, and limitations.
Uptake Analysis

All Eligible Populations
Vaccination uptake hotspots are displayed in red for Week 25 (MMWR), indicating Census Tracts where vaccinations have been administered at rates significantly higher than State averages.

**Hotspots of Vaccinations at the Census Tract Level**

Springfield and surrounding Census Tracts emerged as the **most intense vaccine uptake hotspots** in Week 25 MMWR. Vaccination hotspots around the **St. Louis** metro region were focused on the **suburbs/exurbs northwest of city**.

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Vaccination uptake deserts are displayed in blue for Week 25 (MMWR), indicating Census Tracts where vaccination uptake is significantly lower than State averages.

**Vaccine Uptake Desert at the Census Tract Level**

Vaccine uptake trends in Regions B, E, F and H remained consistent with recent weeks, particularly regarding deserts in state’s Northeast corner and Bootheel regions.

Recent vaccine uptake near Kansas City’s vulnerable Southeast communities have continued to move further outside the I-435 loop for the second week in a row.

Vaccination uptake across St. Louis and surrounding suburbs continues to be patchy.

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18+ Population Analysis
Regional Overview

This table provides vaccination progress metrics at the regional level to understand how the share of vaccinations varies across the State.

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<tr>
<th>REGIONS</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>C</th>
<th>D</th>
<th>E</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>G</th>
<th>H</th>
<th>I</th>
<th>Statewide</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>VACCINATION GAP (#)</strong></td>
<td>639k</td>
<td>93k</td>
<td>955k</td>
<td>434k</td>
<td>155k</td>
<td>193k</td>
<td>68k</td>
<td>104k</td>
<td>91k</td>
<td>2,733K</td>
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<td><strong>% UNVACCINATED WITHIN REGION</strong></td>
<td>55.13%</td>
<td>63.04%</td>
<td>48.56%</td>
<td>60.08%</td>
<td>62.13%</td>
<td>49.41%</td>
<td>68.60%</td>
<td>56.38%</td>
<td>68.00%</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td><strong>SHARE OF ELIGIBLE STATEWIDE POPULATION</strong></td>
<td>22.87%</td>
<td>2.89%</td>
<td>38.88%</td>
<td>14.27%</td>
<td>4.91%</td>
<td>7.72%</td>
<td>1.96%</td>
<td>3.67%</td>
<td>2.61%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SHARE OF STATEWIDE VACCINATIONS</strong></td>
<td>22.39%</td>
<td>2.34%</td>
<td>43.57%</td>
<td>12.43%</td>
<td>4.07%</td>
<td>8.52%</td>
<td>1.35%</td>
<td>3.49%</td>
<td>1.84%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>SHARE OF STATEWIDE REMAINING UNVACCINATED</strong></td>
<td>23.37%</td>
<td>3.39%</td>
<td>34.94%</td>
<td>15.90%</td>
<td>5.68%</td>
<td>7.07%</td>
<td>2.50%</td>
<td>3.83%</td>
<td>3.32%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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**Note:** Data on vaccinations include 1st round Moderna & Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, are based on residence of the 18+ individual vaccinated (unless otherwise stated), and are from 06/28/2021. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix. Cells outlined in green indicate a greater than 1 percentage point discrepancy between share of eligible statewide population and share of statewide vaccinations.
Regional Vaccination Rates Over Time

This visualization displays the weekly change in percent vaccinated in each region over the last 5 weeks for the over 18 population.

18+ Additional Percent of Population Vaccinated by Region (Week 21 to Week 25)

Note: All weeks are calendar weeks, defined by SMW using MMWR week, where Week 25 is 6/20 – 6/26. Data on vaccinations include 1st round Moderna & Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, are based on residence of the 18+ individual vaccinated (unless otherwise stated), and are from 06/28/2021. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix.

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Initiations increased from ~20k to ~25k, a 25% increase week over week
  - The ~25k doses is the highest total since Week 21
- Vaccinations increased in every Region; the largest percentage increase occurred in Region D
- 16 of the Top 20 Census Tracts by vaccine initiations are in Region D
Priority Counties by Vaccination Gap & Percent Unvaccinated

Missouri counties are ranked by vaccination gap (the number of residents estimated to be unvaccinated and eligible) and percent unvaccinated (estimate of the percent of eligible residents that have not been vaccinated) for the over 18 population – based on vaccine initiations, not including second dose vaccinations.

### State Wide

- **2.7M** unvaccinated (of 18+ population)
- **54.1%** unvaccinated (of 18+ population)

### Top 5 Counties by Vaccination Gap (#)

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<th>County</th>
<th>Gap</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>St. Louis</td>
<td>403,700</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>310,400</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>St. Charles</td>
<td>162,600</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Greene</td>
<td>125,100</td>
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<td>Jefferson</td>
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### Top 5 Counties by Unvaccinated (%)

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<th>Rank</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Pulaski*</td>
<td>80.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Clark</td>
<td>76.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Putnam</td>
<td>75.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Ozark</td>
<td>74.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Scotland</td>
<td>74.0%</td>
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*Pulaski has the highest percent unvaccinated, likely due to the large military presence and missing federal vaccination data.

**Note:** Data on vaccinations include 1st round Moderna & Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, are based on residence of the 18+ individual vaccinated (unless otherwise stated), and are from 06/28/2021. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix. Green circles indicate the magnitude of change week over week – a numerical difference between the 2 weeks for vaccination gap and a percentage point difference for percent unvaccinated. Blue indicates a county new to the list in comparison to last week. ▶ indicates no change in rank since last week. ▲▼ indicates increase and decrease in rank since last week, respectively. Full data set provided in corresponding Excel file.
Cumulative Vaccination Gap and Percent Unvaccinated for Eligible Populations

Darker shades on the map on the left indicate Census Tracts with larger vaccination gaps and higher percentages of unvaccinated on the right (for the 18+ population)

**VACCINATION GAP (#)**

**PERCENT UNVACCINATED (%)**

Areas with the largest vaccination gaps continue to align with the more urban areas of highest population across Missouri. Census Tracts with the highest percentages of unvaccinated populations are concentrated in more rural areas in Regions B, D, I, G, & E.

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The graph below visually depicts the updated COVID-19 Vulnerability Index – focus areas are consolidated in urban, low socio-economic and minority-focused communities.

**FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO VULNERABILITY**

- COVID-19 Case Burden
- Living below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level
- 1 or more medical comorbidity
- Minority populations
- Percent Unvaccinated

**KEY OBSERVATIONS**

- The most vulnerable regions within the State of Missouri remain in the urban cores of Kansas City and St. Louis.
- Only 4 regions are represented in the Top 150 most vulnerable Census Tracts in Missouri – Regions C, A, E and D (in order of CTs appearing in top 150).

**Note:** Data on vaccinated individuals are based on 1st round Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, based on the residence of the individual (18+) vaccinated, and as of 06/28/21. COVID-19 case rate provided by the State of Missouri as of 7/2/21. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix. Vaccination rates larger than 1 were set to 1 due to identified data quality issue that is being investigated.
Statewide Top 10 Census Tracts by the COVID-19 Vulnerability Index

Below are the top 10 Census Tracts across Missouri with the highest COVID-19 Vulnerability Index scores – notably all in St. Louis

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Vulnerability Index Rank</th>
<th>Census Tract</th>
<th>County</th>
<th>18+ Population</th>
<th>Variables Included in the CVI</th>
<th>Additional Demographic Characteristics</th>
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<td>Unvaccinated as of 6/29/21 (%)</td>
<td>Cumulative COVID-19 Case Burden as of 7/2/21 (# per 100k)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>29510106200</td>
<td>St. Louis City</td>
<td>980</td>
<td>69.29%</td>
<td>7,531</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>29189212002</td>
<td>St. Louis County</td>
<td>2,196</td>
<td>65.35%</td>
<td>16,799</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>29095013203</td>
<td>Jackson County</td>
<td>2,837</td>
<td>70.64%</td>
<td>9,966</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>29189212200</td>
<td>St. Louis County</td>
<td>5,797</td>
<td>68.28%</td>
<td>5,317</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>29095005602</td>
<td>Jackson County</td>
<td>1,321</td>
<td>67.75%</td>
<td>8,216</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>29189213900</td>
<td>St. Louis County</td>
<td>1,389</td>
<td>70.99%</td>
<td>7,461</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>29189213800</td>
<td>St. Louis County</td>
<td>4,763</td>
<td>68.19%</td>
<td>7,494</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>29189212102</td>
<td>St. Louis County</td>
<td>2,286</td>
<td>73.45%</td>
<td>5,392</td>
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<td>9</td>
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<td>St. Louis City</td>
<td>2,287</td>
<td>72.02%</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>29510109700</td>
<td>St. Louis City</td>
<td>1,886</td>
<td>68.29%</td>
<td>7,735</td>
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Statewide Census Tract Average: 53.10% 8,589 29.86% 20.43% 21.64% 17.42% 5.17% 9.98%

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12-17 Population Analysis
The graph below shows the distribution of each county’s percent unvaccinated for the 12-17 population, colored by urban/rural designation. For example, there are four counties (three urban, one rural) that have an unvaccinated percent between 85% and 87.5%.

**Histogram: Distribution of 12-17 Population % Unvaccinated by County**

- **Urban County**
- **Rural County**

**KEY OBSERVATIONS**

- There is a **stark divide** in 12-17 year-old vaccine uptake between **rural and urban counties**
- **St. Louis County** has vaccinated the **highest proportion** of its 12-17 population
- There is a **positive correlation** between a county’s numerical 12-17 population and its **percent vaccinated** in both the urban and rural county groups

**Note:** Urban/Rural designation defined from Census. All weeks are calendar weeks, defined by ShowMeVax (SMV), where Week 25 is 6/20 – 6/26. Data on vaccinated individuals are based on 1st round Moderna & Pfizer vaccinations and J&J vaccinations, based on the residence of the individual vaccinated, and as of 06/28/2021. All vaccinations tagged to the “<18” age group were assumed to be between ages 12-17. Individuals who received a vaccine not tagged to a county were filtered out. Methodology, data sources, and limitations are available in the Appendix.

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72.8%
Percentage of 12-17 year-olds unvaccinated in **urban** designated counties

92.5%
Percentage of 12-17 year-olds unvaccinated in **rural** designated counties
The graph below depicts the total vaccinations administered over the past 5 weeks, comparing the share of vaccinations that have gone to the under 18 population versus the over 18 population.

### Share of Vaccinations Comparison Between 12-17 and Adult (18+) Population

**Key Observations**

- Vaccine initiation **increased** for both the 18+ and 12-17 population in the latest calendar week.
- The share of initiations for the 12-17 population **dropped for the 2nd straight week to 18%** after remaining steady at ~25%.
- An estimated 1.1% of the 12-17 population initiated vaccination in Week 25.

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12-17 Year-olds | Remaining Unvaccinated

Darker shades on the map on the left indicate counties with larger vaccination gaps and higher percentages of unvaccinated on the right (for the 12-17 population)

**VACCINATION GAP (#)**

**PERCENT UNVACCINATED (%)**

Region C has the largest 12-17 population (118,478) remaining eligible for vaccination

Only 3 counties (Boone, St. Louis, and Platte Counties) have vaccinated 35% of their under 18 population

Similar to 18+ trends, rural counties continue to experience lower vaccine uptake

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Darker shades on the map indicate counties with larger numerical vaccination uptake (for the 12-17 population)

**VACCINE INITIATION BY COUNTY (#)**

**KEY OBSERVATIONS**

- **Regions A & C** represent 8 of the top 10 counties with the highest number of vaccinations for individuals aged 12-17
  - **St. Louis, Jackson, and St. Charles counties** represent the top 3 counties with the most vaccinations for individuals aged 12-17
- 12 counties have vaccinated **fewer than 20** individuals within the age 12-17 cohort – largely in rural areas in the north and south of the State (depicted in gray)

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COVID-19 Case Rate Hotspots at the Census Tract Level

Statistically significant case rate hotspots between 6/10/21 and 6/24/21 are displayed on the right – areas with high changes in case rates in comparison to surrounding areas.

**COVID-19 Case Rate Comparisons**
**Classified Rates vs Statistical Hotspots**

14-Day COVID-19 Case Rate Change
June 10th through June 24th

Regional COVID-19 outbreak hotspots again were focused within **Region D** in the Greene County/Springfield and Joplin areas. A hotspot is getting larger and more significant in **Kennett** within **Dunklin County** in the Bootheel region.

Linn-Livingston County hotspots **moderated somewhat**, with challenges remaining in south Livingston and a new hotspot appearing in **Region H** (Worth County).

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**Note:** COVID-19 case rate data provided by the State of Missouri as of 06/25/21.

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