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**JEFFERSON COUNTY UNIFIED COMMAND CENTER UPDATE FOR JULY 14, 2020**

**Birmingham, AL** – The Jefferson County Unified Command Center (JCUC) and its partner agencies continue to help provide information, goods and services to the people of Jefferson County throughout the COVID-19 pandemic response. Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Health Officer, and Jim Coker, Director of Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency, serve as the co- leaders of the Unified Command Center.

**New COVID-19 Cases in Jefferson County**

The number of new COVID-19 cases and the percent of new individuals tested who are positive have increased during this past week compared to the previous week.

	<u>Week ending 7/14/20:</u>	<u>Week ending 7/7/20:</u>
New individuals tested per day (average):	1682/day	1374/day
New Individuals testing positive per day (average):	243/day	182/day
Percent testing positive (new individual cases):	14.4%	13.2%

**COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Jefferson County**

Below is today’s report of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Jefferson County. Numbers vary day-to-day and hour by hour, but the overall trend has been an increase in hospitalizations.

Total Hospitalized Patients Confirmed Positive:	250
COVID-19 Positive Patients in ICU beds:	114
COVID-19 Positive Patients on Ventilators:	54

**Hospital Bed Availability:**

COVID-19 Positive ICU Beds:	9%
Adult non-COVID ICU Beds:	8%

**A Note about the Jefferson County Face Covering Order**

The Jefferson County Face Covering Order applies to all of Jefferson County, including all municipalities and unincorporated areas. The City of Birmingham's face covering ordinance remained in place as a separate order until it expired on July 3, but since then, the countywide order applies to Birmingham also. The countywide order may be viewed here: <https://www.jcdh.org/SitePages/Misc/PdfViewer?AdminUploadId=804>

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