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## Missoula County Breaks Multiple COVID-19 Records

Missoula County again broke several COVID-19 records on Friday, Oct. 8. This comes on the heels of the community breaking COVID-19 records several times in the month of September. The records broken today include daily COVID-19 cases at 178 and the incidence rate of 96 cases per 100,000 people per day over the last seven days. Missoula County is one hospitalization short of tying the patient record of 57. Furthermore, seven Missoula County residents have died from the virus since Monday, Oct. 4.

While this surge appears to be plateauing in other parts of the nation, health officials warn we may not see that happen in Montana which remains one of the few states in the nation with less than 50% of its population fully vaccinated.

Health officials say vaccination is the best way to ensure an individual does not end up seriously ill or hospitalized due to the virus. The health department's vaccination site at the Southgate Mall is open seven days a week and accepting walk-ups and appointments for first and second dose patients. Residents seeking third doses or booster doses must make an appointment. The clinic's hours and a link to make appointments can be found on [missoulainfo.com](http://missoulainfo.com).