

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT

Health Board Meeting

January 25, 2021

Housing complaints have not slowed down since the last Health Board Meeting. Septic installations have stopped for now. We are however still doing Septic permits for the spring.

Due to the county still being in "red" status, Jeff and I are not going into houses that have complaints filed against them. We are calling the landlord or whoever is responsible for the property, and letting them know we received a complaint, and what needs to be done to rectify the problem. Over half of the housing complaints have been taken care of simply by calling the landlord.

Jeff and I are assisting with the COVID Vaccine clinics.

**Septic Inspections and Housing Complaints from December 15, 2020 to January 25, 2021**

2 – Septic Inspections

3 – Septic permits

3 - Septic repair permits

2– Septic Site Evaluations

2 – Difficult Site with Installers and soil scientist.

1 – Wetness Check

19 – Housing Complaints for no water, trash, sewage and unfit housing.

## Foods Division Report

- 334 licenses issued so far for 2021 (Brick & Mortar and concessions)
- 14 inspections (including a few schools) completed.
- 10 -15 complaints ranging in nature from people not wearing face mask to the number of people in a business.
- New facilities opened- Hot Shot Café (formerly Outpost), Dollar General (Gas City), Sender Café
- Closed facilities – Elk’s Country Club, Peace & Plenty and Swayzee Bar & Grill
- Plan & Review – McAlister’s and Popeyes (both establishments plan to be operational by end of summer)

Dean, Scott and Bruce attend the District 6 Public Health Emergency Coordination Group. This monthly meeting is preparedness related and then local health department pros / cons over each local health department and what may or may not work.

Dean & Scott attended the IEHA (Indiana Environmental Health Association) meeting via ZOOM

Scott and/or Dean – Applications for the 2021 licenses have been received. Different this year is the amount of applications that were received after January 1 or just not returned to us at all. There were 47 businesses without a new license as of January 1 and that number is usually 10 or less. We have since gotten most of them licensed and are down to 4 still due.

As of January 11, all health department employees are helping with the COVID vaccine clinic which is set up here at the council chambers. This is time consuming and takes all of us from our regular jobs. We don’t mind doing it and glad to help. I just felt it was worth mentioning and provide insight as to where a lot of our time is being spent.

## **January 2021 Health Board Meeting**

### **Nursing Division Report**

#### **COVID- 19 UPDATE:**

As of January 18, 2021, according to the IDOH COVID-19 dashboard 26,500 Grant County residents have been tested for COVID. The total number of tests administered are 63,487. (These numbers are provisional and reflect only those reported to IDOH. Not comprehensive total.

#### **Total Number of Cases as of January 19, 2021:**

6,546 cases 672 of those cases being clinical cases.

#### **Total Number of Deaths as of January 19, 2021:**

110 – these deaths have been within LTC and/or individuals considered high risk due to comorbidities

#### **Positivity Rate as of January 18, 2021:**

12.9%

#### **COVID -19 Vaccine Clinic:**

The Grant County Health Department started administering COVID vaccine on January 11, 2021. The daily number of doses administered:

1/11 – 50 doses

1/12 – 40 doses

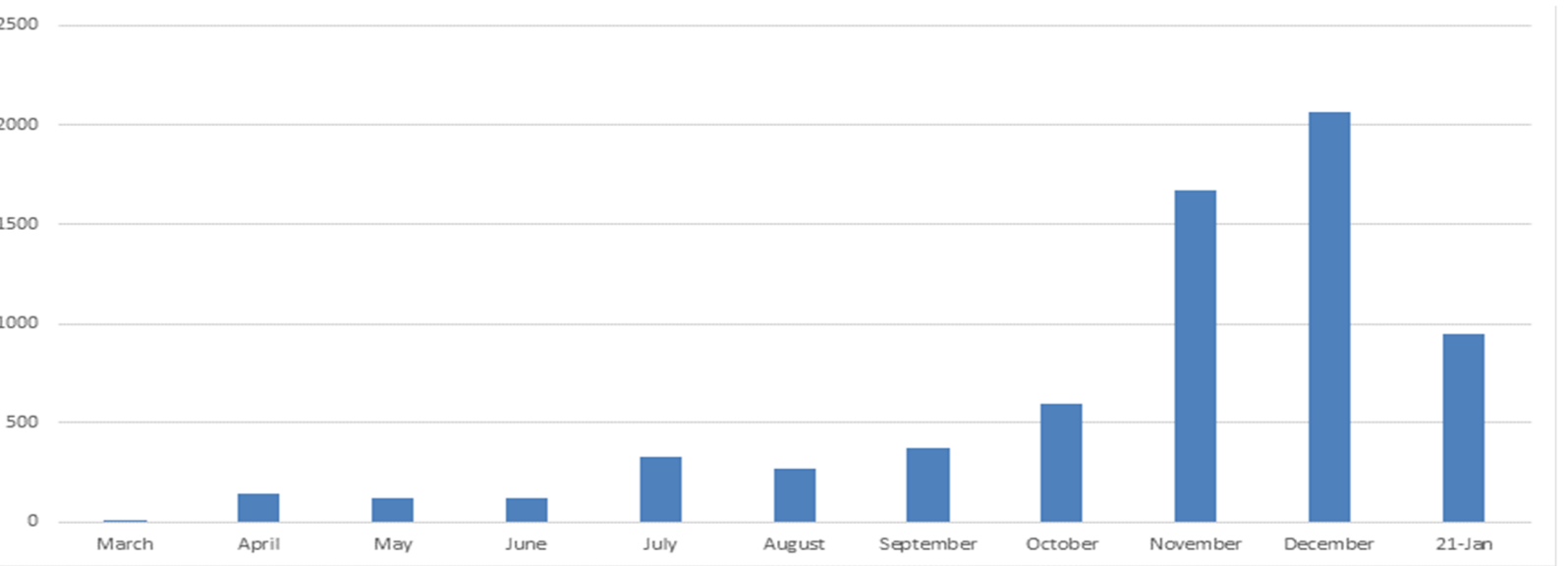
1/13 – 50 doses

1/14 – 50 doses

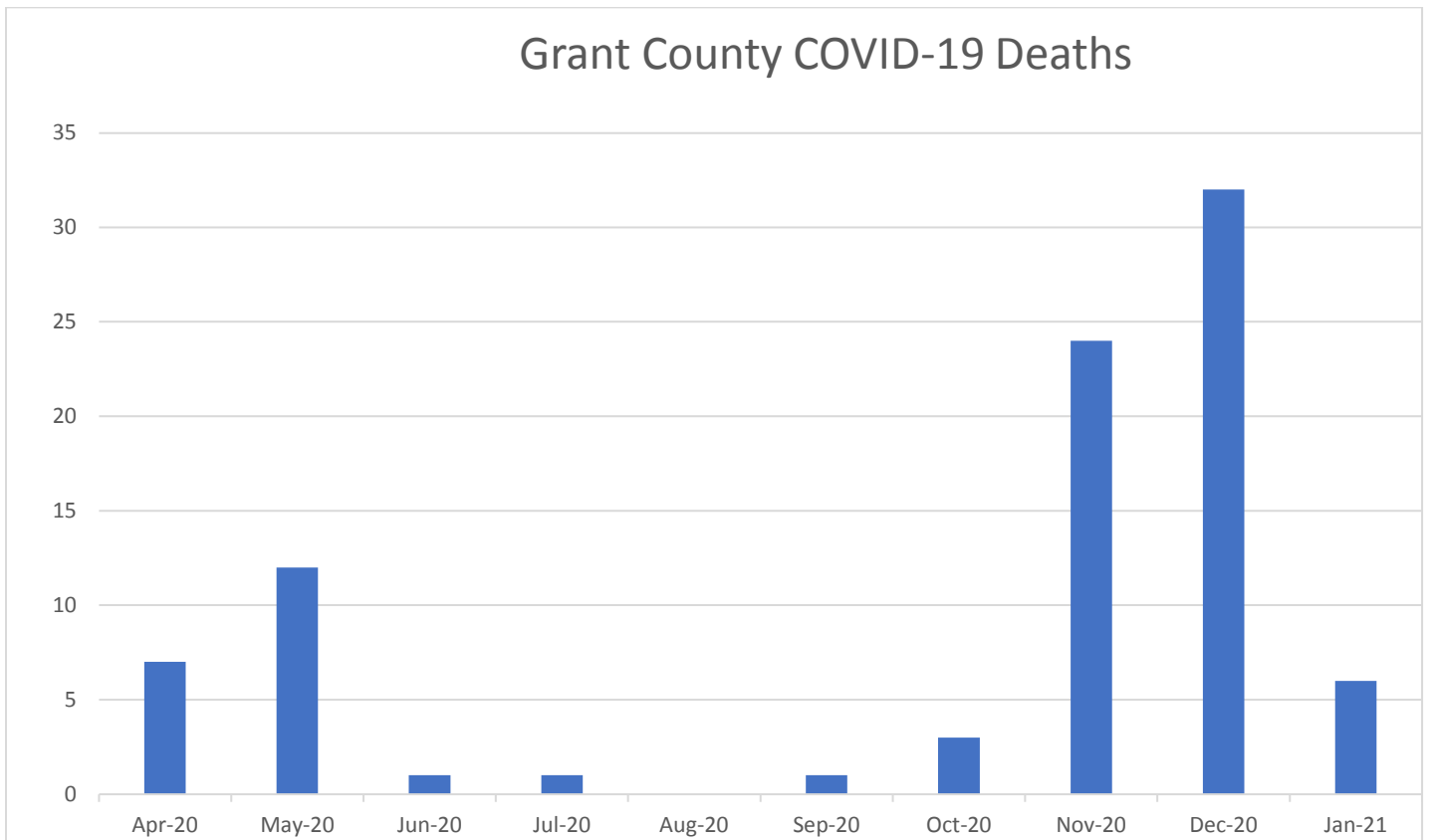
1/15 – 50 doses

To date a total of 240 Grant County residents received their COVID vaccine at the Grant County Health Department.

# COVID-19 Positivity Rate



# Grant County COVID-19 Deaths



# Vital Records Report

January 25, 2021

## Covid Deaths for 2020

There were 81 COVID deaths registered in Grant County from 2020 and 6 so far for 2021. These numbers aren't real-time as the new DRIVE system is behind and has caused a lag in processing.

Totals:

Male: 44

Female: 43

Average Age: 83

Hospital: 16

LTCF: 68

Residence: 3

On December 31<sup>st</sup> we switched from Genesis to the new DRIVE system. There are 35 unresolved deaths, 15 of which are from December 2020 that are still waiting to be signed off on. The new DRIVE system has been a challenge for everyone including local health departments, funeral homes and the medical certifiers. While there has been a big lag in processing death/birth records for the new year, it's slowly becoming better and easier to operate, (fingers crossed).

Respectfully,

Morgan Lee, Registrar