Richardson County seeing younger people with cases of COVID

(KLZA)-- As reported earlier the number of COVID-19 cases in Richardson County has been on the rise since November.

During an interview last week, Community Medical Center Administrator Ryan Larsen said there have been 164 patients hospitalized locally with COVIID-19 since the pandemic began. He noted that locally, statistics indicate the majority of those hospitalized with COVID, have not been vaccinated. 158 of those hospitalized have not been vaccinated. 100 percent of the local patients that required being transferred for a higher level of care were unvaccinated.

Larsen said the cases are more severe for those that are not vaccinated. He also says this year, younger adults are getting more severe cases of COVID.

About 25 percent of those getting tested for COVID in Richardson County since November have been positive for the virus. If you are interested in being tested you can contact your doctors office and you can take advantage of the drive through testing at Community Medical Center.

If you would like to sign up to receive your COVID vaccination or boosters, you please call 402-245-6547 or go to vaccinate.ne.gov to find an appointment site near you.

Larsen also said there are a number of other respiratory illnesses that are occurring in the area.

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