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**CAMERON COUNTY IS DESIGNATED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) AS HAVING HIGH LEVELS OF
COVID-19 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSIONS**

Cameron County is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and has been categorized as “high” under the CDC COVID-19 Community Level index. The rapid increase of cases can be associated with multiple reasons, including the more contagious nature of the Omicron Variant, the low percentage of Booster vaccinations, and the relaxing of precautions such as masks, gatherings, and travel.

In areas of high COVID-19 Community Level transmissions, the CDC recommends the following steps to protect yourself and each other:

- Wear a mask when indoors in public and on public transportation
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Test as soon as possible if you have symptoms
- If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider taking additional precautions by consulting with your health care provider for additional available treatments.

COVID-19 treatments are now widely available, including the nationwide Test-to-Treat program. This program gives individuals faster and easier access to test, and if positive, immediately receive the life-saving medication, all in one location. These One-Stop Test-to-Treat locations are available at pharmacy-based clinics, health care centers, long-term care facilities and more. Visit the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (ASPR) to view locations <https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Virtual care options for individuals with no primary health care provider can visit CVS Health via telehealth <https://www.cvshealth.com/our-services/virtual-care-services/telehealth> to receive a prescription.

As a reminder, people are protected best from severe COVID-19 illness when up-to-date with all COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting all recommended boosters when eligible. It is never too late to get a booster vaccine for added protection and to restore protection.

Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, first-dose, second-dose, and booster vaccines are available at all Cameron County Public Health Clinics. Pfizer vaccines for infants 6 months of age to children under age 5 are now available. All walk-ins are welcomed, vaccines are free of charge, and no ID or documents are required. Call the Public Health Helpline for related information at (956) 247-3650.

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