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Good morning everyone I'd like to thank you for joining us. This morning.
We have a full agenda today.

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So, without any further ado, I am going to turn this over to Jeff.

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Thanks I been every morning. Everyone thanks for joining us.

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On this rainy, dreary Friday morning. At least it's.

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Brainy and kind of dreary and Jefferson City, but it is a Friday.

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If you are new to us, I'm just back.

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The division director for dB and.

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I'm don't worry. I'm new too and.

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It is it's a great morning to have some coffee, but I also thought it was
a great morning to.

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But my coffee cup in there.

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Just, if you don't like, you don't like cats. Pathetic. It's probably
time I've been here 2 months. Now.

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So, but you know that I am a crazy cat lady.

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I enter in my introduction email to.

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Our staff team members, I gave them just a little bit of information about.

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My family, including the fact that.

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That my girls had just gotten a new litter of kittens.

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For the summer to play with, which was exciting for them.

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And that was true, but what I didn't mention was that.

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Because I didn't want to sound crazy. It was that we actually had 3 litters of kittens that we got.

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Right at the beginning of summer. So we had about 16 kitten for them to play with almost all of which have found homes now but.

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If you're in the area, we still have 3 more that need a good home.

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Without further ado,

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we do have a full agenda today,

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so I'm going to go ahead and get started,

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but just kind of an overview of what we're going to be talking about a large amount of the time today is going to be spent dedicated to talking

about cobit and the surge that we have right now and new information that's available.

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Very excited and grateful to Dr SaneBox could join us today to provide great update of the information.

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And also wanted to get everyone's feedback on the frequency.

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Of these meetings relative to.

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The the situation right now, we had moved.

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Made the decision to move to a monthly call from a BI, weekly call.

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At last month's.

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And now that the situation has changed a bit and love to hear your feedback through the chat.

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If you can just let us know if you think we should increase the frequency.

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Due to the situation right now or for other reasons you just like to hear updates more often. We would.

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We would greatly appreciate your feedback on that. The, the other things we're going to talk about we have updates on budget, a few general updates on.

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Information that come out from the division that we just want to make sure it's clear station. M. D. has joined us.

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To share some great information, and we also have lovely from our federal programs unit on who's going to share some information updated information about our waivers.

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And the processes that we're in for approval with.

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And the 1st thing I wanted to talk about was.

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The fact that due to situation with coven right now in the search that we're in, we did send out a memo on June, 29.

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Letting everyone know that we were returning to remote monitoring status for case management and.

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That decision was.

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Was made and included 111 major difference from the previous.

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Time period of remote monitoring when we have high levels of transmission and that is that there are some individuals who have not been seen in person.

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Since the return to in person monitoring in April.

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So, there is information in that memo and guidance.

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Which explains that we do still.

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Want and expect that there is an in person visit.

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Unless they're extenuating circumstances for those individuals who have not been seen in person since.

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The return in April the.

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The effort and the effort really is to reduce the footprint there.

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Um, as we are going through this time, right now, we want to do everything we can to mitigate risk and.

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1 of the ways that we can do that is we know that remote monitoring was successful.

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And you guys did a great job in that.

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And learned how to working through all the technicalities. So really going back to that during this time, period is the right thing to do given the, the current situation.

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You may have noticed on July 14th, 2 days ago.

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We did send out some updated information in that guidance and that was.

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To provide additional documentation examples with some questions in response to some questions we had gotten from TCM agencies and support coordinators. So if.

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If you want to check that out, there's some good information and there are good examples for.

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Documentation the other question I wanted to talk through.

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Regarding that if we do have some agencies that.

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Have reached out to us and asks if it's okay to continue the in person monitoring.

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And and and yes, that is okay.

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And but it's a decision that you should be making.

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Regarding the situation specific, so really looking at, what is the current situation in your community?

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What's the current situation with that specific provider with that client and taking that all into account? Having a conversation with a provider?

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Um, if the provider is wanting.

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To do remote monitoring, we ask that you honor that.

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We did have a couple questions. I think maybe just 1 question that came in regarding a provider who was.

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Refusing to do remote monitoring so if that's the case, we really just ask that you reach out to the regional staff. The TCM tack to.

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Talk through that specific situation and and come to a resolution that way.

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The other.

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Kind of 1 of the questions that came in.

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As we are, are back in in the situation that we're in right now is regarding.

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Is there specific guidance from the division regarding.

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How providers need to develop.

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How they approach the care and the masking and community integration during this time, period and in a lot of questions about will there be specific guidance from the division?

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So really just wanted to reiterate.

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That information that has been provided in the past that the expectation from the division.

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Is that providers and partners follow the CDC guidance?

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And that information is, is.

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Continually being updated based on new information that.

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The CDC and experts are able to obtain and it really is.

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Back to that situational specific.

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Circumstances again, so it could be a.

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Participant who is fully vaccinated and.

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They have has really felt the effects of social isolation and maybe that community is not in a high transmission. So, for that individual, it may be a better choice to have more community integration. Whereas.

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You may have another client 2.

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Has refused vaccination for 1 reason or another and.

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And their high risk, so you wouldn't necessarily want to.

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To follow the same the same guidelines in that situation. And so really what we ask of providers is, is that you have policies in place.

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For your staff, regarding the CDC guidance and following that, and are just following up with staff to make sure.

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That they're following your policies based on that CDC guidance and and understand it and are able to kind of.

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Collaboratively work with you regarding the situational specific.

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Things that come up and in many different circumstances. So.

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Wanted to to just make sure I touched on that.

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1 of the things that we are going to be sending out through an email blast.

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And so I just want to call your attention too is.

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A really great document that came out from the administration for community living.

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This past week, and it is.

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A book developed by them called 30 years of community living for individuals with intellectual and or developmental disabilities.

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And really want to thank the people at ACL for.

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Personally, developing this, right when I came.

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Came into this world as a.

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As new to this world, and this was really helpful of them to put this together for me to understand this.

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The history and where we're at now and where Missouri falls.

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And with regard to other states, so it's a great document. I encourage everyone to take a look at it. It's very informative. So we'll be sending that out through the email blast.

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I mentioned earlier station M. D. is on with us today and 1 of the things that.

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We are going to be sending out as well is.

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Information for you to you.

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As you as you.

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Do that orientation and new training? It's really a tool.

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For provider shoes, if they need it to help inform.

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Staff about station and B, and how to use it so that.

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That burden is not on you and I'll share my screen and just give you kind of a preview.

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Of what that looks like.

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For the right document here I can you see my screen.

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Yes, okay.

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We'll make it just a little bit larger, but here's the, the 1 pager that is going to be coming out and.

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It's really something that you can put your agency.

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Letterhead or logo on and hand to staff.

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So that when they're taking in all of the information.

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Uh, they have this candy to go back to to understand.

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That station and D is available for them to use.

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And for clients and families to use as a resource.

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How do you use it when to use it? And.

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And he would call if they have questions about it. So we hope that that's helpful and.

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And just wanted to to bring that to your attention that that will be coming out.

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And another thing is just a reminder of.

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For some, and if you aren't aware of it.

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There are some great information that we put out regularly on.

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Our dashboards on the Department's website and I could can share.

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The exact link in the.

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In the chat for you, but this information.

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Is is really helpful in providing.

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A lot of different types of updates, so.

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Just information in general about.

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And it's updated very frequently, so it's up to date information about.

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The department and our services and so you can see.

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The different cobit cases that are going on.

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You can see the.

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Community cases where they're at.

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And look at.

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Investigation licensure and certification activities.

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A lot of people find this helpful. Here's the waiver towns. They currently have a waitlist and expenditures by waiver.

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Updates on segment technology.

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And station and use, so just wanted to remind everybody that that is out there and.

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It's something that you can access.

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Any time and get up to date information.

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Um, here's some information about due process and.

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Uh, our current clients risk category.

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That that the tiered support team is working on.

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But I will stop sharing my screen.

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Right now, and get ready to turn it over to Angie just going to go through some budget updates.

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But I did want to say that I've.

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Had the chance to go out and visit with 2 different providers now, and then have the opportunity last week to visit with the Raul of regional office team and.

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It's honestly 1 of the best days that I've had in such a long time.

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A really great conversation about.

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The work that is being done locally and.

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The staff there had had great things to say about their partnerships with local providers and the CCM agencies, and kind of all of the community collaborations that are going on the great things they're doing.

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And I just wanted to thank them for their time and for their dedication to to what we do and I'm looking forward to getting out to all of the regional offices and facilities.

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They have to slow down on travel a little bit just because of.

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Um, the current situation, but I look forward to getting out around the state and.

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And different providers, so thanks again and Angie, I will turn it over to, you.

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Okay, thank you. Everyone Thank you Jeff. We have some budget updates to give you. There's quite a few here get a little wordy so bear with me. Right? Standardization funding was approved for individuals, receiving residential services.

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So that's our group home, and our individualized supported living services to align with our state fiscal year, 2020, lower, bound market rate from our Mercer rate study. That was done back in June of 2018.

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those rate increases will be implemented on an individual basis,

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and upon approval of our CBS enhanced snap spending plan,

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which I will talk about that here in just a little bit when General Assembly passed it in lieu of using estate general revenue will be proposing to access the enhanced f map funding,

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and that is a total of 166.3Million dollars.

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And then, we have some other changes here rate increases to personal assistant services.

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This 1st rate increase for the personal assistant service is to increase it to be consistent with the state plan market rate base adjustment for personal assistant.

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So this is just to get us to where we're matching Department of health and senior services, personal assistant rates. That is the tune of 4Million dollars.

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And if there are rates that are above the state plan service, we will not be decreasing those rates. Only those that are below will be brought up.

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And then for personal assistants, in addition to that.

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Bringing them up to the, the market rate for there is an additional 5.29% increase.

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To the current maximum rate, and that is also utilizing the, the CBS enhanced.

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Map funding, and so that's another 4.9Million dollars, but that will not be able to be implemented until.

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Approves our plan.

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And then another rate increase would be a 5% rate increase to our day, have services, which includes individual skill development.

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Community integration and our employment services, and that was at a total of 6Million dollars in funding.

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Um, again, including state and federal.

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And then an increase to our reimbursement rates to applied behavioral analysis services that are specifically provided by the registered behavior technician and license assistance behavior and out analyst.

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And that was about 210,000 dollars that was 4 services specifically. So, we are in the process of getting those, those rates.

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Does new rates on provider contract, implementing them and see more this week we are going through the testing process to make sure that the the 5% increases have been.

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Included and to see more and the 4.

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Applied behavioral analysis rate, so we're hoping to have that testing complete this week and then our provider relations team, and our procurement office is working diligently to get the personal assistant services.

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Any of the CBS and the purchase of service service codes.

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Updated on the contracts and into our system, those all have to be done manually and we anticipate having those complete by the end of this month.

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And then there has been 1 more change, not specific to rates, but we are transitioning our group home the 5 scales that moving from the surface to the mass.

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Score that is being implemented this month as well. And so they are in the process of changing those authorizations in the system, and they plan to have those completed by the end of this month.

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That brings us to our CBS enhanced map, spend plan that we're talking about. This was.

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This is an addition.

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To the American recovery plan that CMS has put out that was passed is requiring all states that want to access this 10% additional enhanced f map to submit to them a spend plan explaining kind of what

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we intend to use that funding for.

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And so, Missouri submitted their plan to CMS on this last Monday, July, 12 and CMS has 30 days to respond to that plan.

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And our spend plan, it was a collaboration between the Department of mental health.

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Department of health and senior services as well as department of social services. We did include a request for an expedited approval of the components that were included in the fiscal year 2022 funding portion passed by the general assembly and signed by the governor.

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Additional components that were in, that spend plan, include an expanded use of technology and telehealth.

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Quality improvement, activities, data, integration, effort, workforce, recruitment and support enhance and enhance care coordination. No Health Net has that been planned posted? They just posted it very late yesterday for public comments.

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We are in the process of getting an email blast, sent out to share that link and really looking forward to any feedback that we get from stakeholders.

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And then, in addition to that public comment, period with the posting, we are collaborating with department of social services. And Department of health and senior services for further stakeholder engagement.

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And just trying to to kind of reach out to all the different stakeholders in various areas to, to get a more robust.

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Feedback from everyone so we plan to have our feedback gathering wrapped up by the end of August.

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To we've had a few questions about Medicaid asset limit versus social security asset limit. This is the 1st time that those 2 asset limits have been different.

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So historically we've set those to follow the social security asset limit, which has been, like, 2000 dollars this year. That has been increased for Medicaid participants.

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Where their eligibility is based on disability, and they're not receiving.

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So, we're in the process of figuring out that discrepancy developing a report that will assist the business offices and the support coordinators and providers to distinguish those individuals that have an asset limit of 2000 dollars versus those that have the asset limit of 5,000 dollars.

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And as we work through this, we will update the division directive 5.1 on 1 to reflect the new process.

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Hopefully, we'll have that done within the next few weeks.

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And then the final question that I have is come up quite often has been a stimulus sunny funding. So just wanted to remind everyone that money received from the covet 19 stimulus.

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Should not be considered as an available resource for 12 months.

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From the date that it was received,

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but after that 12 months,

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it is considered as an available resource and I know that the business offices are working,

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closely with individuals and families about opportunities to use that fund such as using able accounts and things like that.

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So, if you are hitting that 12 month point, make sure you're working with the business office near support coordinators and your family's on how you want to use that that funding.

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I think that is all I have from my side. Jess. I don't know if you had anything you wanted to add about any of these are the state, the spend plan.

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Yeah, thanks, Andy. I do not have any. Thank you for covering that. We're really looking forward to.

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Getting stakeholder feedback, but the spend plan was was largely based on information and feedback that the division has received from, from stakeholders throughout the past year.

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And recently, as we talk about me, there was 1 question that popped up Andrew related to.

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The rate increases being and see more and it was since we are doing a test and see more of this week for day, have employment rate increases. When do you anticipate the updated rates will be reflected in Seymour?

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I think they should be after this week, after we finalize that testing, that should be able to be implemented.

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Almost immediately, but I will double check on that to make sure and let, you know.

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Okay, great. And then we'll send information out providers based on that and a couple of questions that popped up that I did want to.

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Address real quickly. The, the 1st, 1 was.

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Regarding ability for states staff to work remotely given the current situation with and we could not agree more. We are have been working very hard on.

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Plan to move forward with.

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Going going to distributed work and returning to that, and that information has been submitted to the governor's office for their review.

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I also wanted to think Emily Reinhart on the DB team for.

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The work that she did as part of her leadership Academy team.

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They did a presentation to the governor and several key leadership staff regarding.

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Um, distributed work team and and that information was very well received so.

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Really appreciate the work that she and that team did. So expect more communication on that very soon. We will.

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Um, let, you know, as soon as we head of things, but we, anything, but we.

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We'd like to to move that direction and and will keep you updated the.

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Um, other question was regarding verbal signature flexibility, we, we all know that.

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Are aware of that state flexibility.

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Order of emergency expiring here shortly and so we have requested that those flexibility currently in place are extended and expect to hear back from the governor's office.

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Legal counsel on that very soon and I'm going to be sending out.

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Information to verify that those will be extended. So appreciate it's a great questions and we will move on to Leslie. Thanks.

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Thanks, Jess, the division continues the formal request for additional information, or with the Centers for Medicare, Medicaid services for the comprehensive and community support, renewals and a partnership for hope and vocal amendments to align with those renewals.

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As the renewals were set to expire June 30 is of 2021 granted,

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the division temporary extensions for both waivers to continue operating through September 2008th of 2021,

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to provide the state with additional time to respond to and make all revisions to the waiver renewal applications necessary for CMS to approve.

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And formally stop the clock on the consolidated coven,

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19 appendix K waiver amendment to add the new health assessment and coordination service through and the state responses were submitted to health net yesterday for review before submission to CMS.

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And those were the 2 updates. I had thanks. Jeff.

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Thanks appreciate that information and keeping us updated and now I am very pleased to turn it over to Dr for for updated information.

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Can you Jess? Good morning? Everyone so, um, you know, I really thought my job was done once we went got to the.

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Last spring outbreak, and then in winter.

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But I'm sorry to say that we are having another big outbreak this time, and we really are trying to put our heads together to really figure out what's the best way to move forward because there's not much we know about this variance.

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Nevertheless, I'm going to share what we know for. Sure. And also I'm going to say what we do, not know yet. And and I have to tell you that we have.

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More information that we do not know than what we know.

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So, the current outbreak in Missouri.

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A, I started in the Springfield, the idea of the cell to this part of the state.

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And from there, it has been moving to the rest of the state.

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Uh, I talked to Dr. T. who's our yesterday? And he said that.

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More than 80% of the viruses of either both chicken the sewer as well as in Missouri does that.

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Sewer testing of sequencing of the viruses and if find it is Delta and also.

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They sequence them in a state lab and they found that to be dealt as well. So currently about 80% of what we are seeing in Missouri.

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As the delta variant, so if you go back in time, just to show the history, when we 1st got our, um.

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They'll Colvin, and especially in Missouri, it started in New York and they got away.

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Uh, by by, by spring of 2020.

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We had our outbreak and misery in each spread fairly quickly in April and may of 2020.

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Descending and mortality, and it's sitting increased hospitalizations and mortality.

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Now, that wary and was not aware in that particular virus is what's called the original virus or some, some people call it. The move on.

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Variant, which actually originated from China.

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And then on the book, and putting the United States.

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So most of the information that we have on the.

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Is based on the original variance. So that is kind of the baseline what we have most of the information. If you go on any.

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Of the research, it's all based on.

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And there are the original strain I'm going to call that the original very inside of the strand. The original.

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Area that is the original source Colby to virus.

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Okay, and then let's move fast forward. We got through that air that part and then we have then in winter.

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January February of 2021.

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We had another we had a very, and that's called the alpha area. That is the 1 that we had from from the United Kingdom as the originated from there. And there's also very.

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And that had a little bit of change in the spike protein, the spike protein as a whole thing on the head of the virus that attaches to the receptor cells in our, in our body. Maybe our.

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Respiratory tract that spikes the spokes. Those are the spike protein so.

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The alpha variable was something that made some changes in the protein structure of the spikes. So that it can attach is more like Velcro more like a Velcro to go to actual receptors little bit faster.

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So they say the information we had was an alcohol was about 2 times more transmittable, meaning that it can attach faster. And then, because it can attach fast, it can move faster to towards.

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Through marketable individuals quicker. Now we have the delta vary in, which was originally detected around the end of last year.

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It's really to cough in India in February of 2021.

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And then it went to Israel, United Kingdom, and most of the world is currently going through the delta variant pandemic or the, the, the spike I encourage you to do to the delta variant.

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And now I'm in United Kingdom in the middle of it, but they are about 4 or 5.

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Weeks ahead with the expedience with this particular virus and now.

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Unfortunately, for Missouri, we are ground 0.

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For Delta, um, it's mainly Arkansas, Southwest, Missouri.

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This is where actually the 1st, big outbreak of of Delta has happened.

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Because of that there is so much more we do not know. And we are kind of like trying to figure most of these things out.

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So, what do we know for sure about the delta variable on Delta.

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Very end of the of the source code to the virus number 1. we know that it has made enough changes in the spike protein or that the Spokeo protein that it's attachment to the receptors is more important.

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So, you can go in and then gets really, really attached to the, to the preceptors.

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In our respiratory tract fairly quickly. The 2nd thing, what we know is once it end, is it also multiplies very, very rapidly.

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They say that the viral load by load is the number of virus that is found in a small.

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Pointing how intense or how much violence we have.

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In let's say, droplet that is the viral load so the viral load is 1000 times higher than the original on.

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Uh, strain another virus, a 1000 times higher. So that just tells you how much more.

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Bias is packed in, let's say, a droplet that comes out of her mouth or knows we breathe then.

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That's not much of an infected person. Coughs are, or breeds or they're speaking, they don't have coffee then just speaking those little water drop links that come in the celebrity doctors that come out of her mouth.

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How much more if they are in fact and how much more densely packed so that is the viral load.

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The other thing we know is also the ability for it to move from person to person that's called transmission how fast it can transmit compared to the original 1 that came in the spring of 2020. this is about 225%.

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Faster, so it goes into the body, it multiplies quickly and then it gets out and then keeps moving faster.

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And this is the reason we are seeing this very quick,

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rapid increase,

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often,

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Delta and misery currently very,

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very quick I think,

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within 2 within 2 to 3 weeks,

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pretty much,

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it is to replace all the alpha variance and other variants the other
areas,

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and just taking over.

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So, that's how that's what is so different about this delta varying it's
more it multiplies quickly.

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It's more effective and it's more. Okay, so that is the kind of a thing
you're dealing with currently.

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So, what do we do not know yet or what we do not know as vaccines.

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And protection,

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so what we do know is all the lab studies we've heard so far from the,

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the vaccinated individuals and United Kingdom and Israel clearly
indicates that it offers a level of protection for vaccinated individuals
specifically related to.

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A serious illness and death, so.

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What Israel has shown as about half of the individuals who where I'm 45%.

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Of individuals are vaccinated, still had tested positive.

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For or the coven, they tested positive on.

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As having the infection, but when they found this, when they looked at the data, and they compare the data of individuals in the hospital, and who are dying.

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They found it was the vaccinated individuals who are in the hospital when die.

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That does not necessarily mean that nobody who is vaccinated, not die. That's not true either but when they looked at proportions, it was much higher.

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Or vaccinated individuals who are in the hospital, and they, they used the word overwhelmingly higher.

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For those are vaccinated. Sorry? Quarter I'm vaccinated worse compared to vaccinated.

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Now, vaccinated individuals have been in the hospital.

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That'd be have we know of depths that have happened in vaccinated individuals as well?

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Okay, so that part of it, we still have to know what any particular.

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Free determination of that any other factors in this individuals who actually died after vaccination. We do not know. So, those are the things we really, really do not know the data on.

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The other thing we know is more in a community when there's more and vaccinated individuals,

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the peak is much higher for the Delta,

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because it's able to move very,

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very quickly again,

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but the and vaccinated individual whereas when communities where they
have a lot more vaccinated individuals,

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then it's,

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it's movement is slower,

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much lower.

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It's not to say that it's not moving at all, but it is much slower and
there's a lot of data to support that right now.

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Um, so saying that.

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What is the other things we know for the delta?

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The other thing is, what we know is, because it multiplies so fast.

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If you remember for the original virus.

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Typically, people turn positive between day, 4 and 6 so I would ask
individuals to test them by day. 5. if you have an exposure and you're
going to do 1 class, I would say, do it on date between day, 4 and 6 and
Tuesday. 5.

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Now, because it is much playing so fast that day has moved 1 day earlier.

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So now, the best time to test, if you're doing 1 test on PC or up exposure would be between day 3 and 5.

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So, they would be ideal, but the day 3 and 4 is important to know now.

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If you remember that, even the old buyer and the original lanterns and refining our original.

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It used to be that people were infected or able to translate to other people, even 24 hours before the onset of symptoms. So it would be the same thing here, too. This, they can still being factor for about 24.

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To 48 hours, even before the onset of symptoms, because initially the virus goes into the body.

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Multiplies rapidly and then the body reacts to it and that's when we have the symptoms, because the body is trying to get rid of.

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The virus by either runny nose or cough, or whatever the body is just trying those are the send the fever all those are bodies way of coping with with the virus and asked and finding ways to push it out.

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So that before a B cab, the symptoms.

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A day to earlier you are already, in fact, you're already already capable.

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Of infecting another individual now, what's the difference between those who are vaccinated.

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Was is, I'm vaccinated in transmission. That is something we do not know what we do know is have individuals who have been vaccinated and have Co. we've been able to transmit to others.

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The answer is, yes, there have been, but the vaccinate again is more like.

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You know, vaccinated, lessen degree and vaccinated high ending. Great. That's what we're looking at currently. How much lower how much prior.

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We still need data on that. All right the other thing is we're specifically looking at outside transmission.

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We know that the origin virus, we found that the outside transmission, especially mainly in decent distance in outside transmission outside the community and I can fill in the open air. The transmission rate was very, very, very, very low.

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Of course, if you stood very close and spoke to each and this mouth doesn't matter what the viruses.

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It doesn't even have to be call it. What are the wireless or whatever the virus you may have? You're going to give it to the other person. If you live that close. But if you give a decent distance.

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Uh, in the outside area, and you are communicating with the original virus, the transmission was low. We have had at least 1 or 2 kind of anecdotal data.

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Um, that has shown that even outside gathering.

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Without mask, for example, weddings and the outside big parties, and the outside people have tested positive for the variant. So we do know that the, the risk of outside transmission.

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On is higher for the Gupta variant than the original how much higher.

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I don't know the answer. Okay, so these are the things I'm, I'm saying, these things so that you can take the precautions needed.

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Uh, you know, do we know exactly how much have you done a, a, a control study?

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On this no, this is all observational data, but because the risk is high enough I do think that they should still be sharing.

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Observational observational data. Okay, this is not to scare people.

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But it is to take a serious enough that you protect yourself the individuals we take care of.

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And, and, you know, and a families, for sure.

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Because, uh, that's a very also we are detecting contemporary in in the case as well, the children as well.

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So, how much, how do we, you know, I don't know the numbers I don't know that was in ages.

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It's all anecdotal observational data, but I do think that.

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Um, because there's so much unknown, I think, all observational data, we have to take seriously and do the precautions.

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So, what can we do? Definitely at this point masking is still the wise masking still going to be the best mitigation strategy, because it doesn't matter how much virus I have my body.

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He still has to get out. The only way it gets out is storm and nose and mouth.

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To another outside outside of new, and let's say, I'm in fact.

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Let's call it doesn't matter what variant I have that. I have 1000 times the viral load.

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Or, less than that, it doesn't matter what the very end I have. The only way it's going to get out of me.

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Into the other percent, the virus has to get out of me to, in fact, another person.

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The only way I can do that is through my, my, my workspace by cell Eva drop. Let's come to my mouth.

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Or, through little nasal drop it because they have fluid in analysis as well.

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We sneeze or I breathe it out. Right? So the only 2 holster, which it can come out. So.

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By covering it up, it doesn't matter how much how much more viral load I have.

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Those little droplets will stick to the clothing, fix a clot or a mask surgical mask.

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On and 95 doesn't matter what it is, it is still going to filter it and hold it back and it's going to stick to that stuff.

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So, it's hard to say that none of the virus is going to get out, but a majority of the virus is going to be sticking to that barrier. So.

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That that masking I cannot stress the importance of masking.

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And at this point, I think even though CDC says, you can.

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You don't have to mask if you're vaccinated and if I think that's something we come out fairly quickly but.

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Has pretty much gone out and said that they vaccinated or not vaccinated. Everybody should mask because it helps because there's still a lot of people are not vaccinated around us.

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So, it's very important that every little bit helps.

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And also, it prevents it from crossing where I'm coming to you too, because there's a barrier there.

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The other thing is a distancing social dissenting. That's what because.

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By the time, if you give you enough space, but into 2 individuals doesn't matter how much virus and other plus and has.

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You know, the, the droplets will fall to the ground.

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Uh, before you can reach another person. Okay that's only the 6 sport is defined by how far the droplets can travel.

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And, like, for example, if I speak loud, my droppers, my mouth is going to go that much further singing. If he's saying it goes even further. So, that is why we have the 6 foot.

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Uh, social distancing, so the best mitigation strategies right now.

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Is a masking nose and mouth colored.

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Not around your neck, not anywhere else Nelson mouth, fully covered and having as much of a best fit you can around.

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And social dispensing of 6 foot, or how much of a distance you can get I mean.

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And you can do 6 when at least, you know, standing the further you are.

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The better your protection is going to be. All right so that is all I know about the, about the death to the other thing I want to say is the symptoms.

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Are the symptoms any different than the original a virus.

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You know, if you look at the, they still fall under the same symptom complex, but if you remember for the original, we were seeing more dry cough and fever.

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And body ate as as the most common.

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Symptoms and some people had diarrhea, so as well and loss of sense and so.

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Smell and taste this are the kind of very common symptoms we were seeing.

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Where the delta is more upper respiratory, because it comes at catches and able to multiply so fast. What is the upper spread? Remain.

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A sore throat sore throat is very common headache.

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As they kind of more like a sinus headache.

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People are having more like a runny nose. We've had individuals who were at work thinking they had an allergy because this is that time of the year. A lot of individuals have.

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Um, have allergies and so they thought that the usual allergies, and then didn't get tested, they thought it was just, you know, and then, you know, when they, when we tested them, as part of our routine surveillance, they tested positive.

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So, it comes, it looks more like a sinus problem, upper respiratory, like, kind of a runny nose.

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And, like a common cold headache SilkRoad.

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So, if you have any of these sentences, more like this, this is more likely with the delta.

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So that's a sentence, I was a little bit different. All right. Um, household transmission. This is higher as I said, the transition rate overall is higher, compared to the previous ones, how much higher, and I don't know the numbers yet, but definitely higher.

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If you have also members positive.

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The chance of transmission is higher than what it was for the virus.

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Would it be different if it was vaccinated? Was this vaccinated transmission within houses? Even in Delta is half on what it is where I'm vaccinated.

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But the problem as many of these households may have children who are not eligible for vaccination. So you need to take that into account as well.

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But, you know, of transmission can occur within the households and of course, the vaccinated is less.

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Um, but clearly, I don't know, the exact number. So currently, I think, is that they say it's half less than I'm vaccinated.

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The next important thing is testing.

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I know there was a time when.

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You know, we had some looking back our May.

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And June were great. April May, June were really great months by end of April May June to the point that you are able to say, okay, we're not going to test those floor vaccinated. And, um, and the only way to test those who are I'm vaccinated because that was.

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Cdc was also suggesting that recommending that.

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But what we are finding now is that, um, when we test in our in our state operating facilities of a staff.

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We're finding that vaccinated individuals and testing positive at about 40 40%. At least, I would say 40%. Even now the majority still under vaccinated, but of.

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Uh, flexible enough are vaccinate staff are also testing positive so I would say if you're doing testing.

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Test across the board, don't you don't differentiate between vaccinated and and vaccinated.

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The other question is how frequently you should test, especially using by next I'm really high strong proponent of using by next testing, which is the antigen testing. Okay. Pockets, which you'll be using.

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And do them at least once a week, it's very body to, at least once a week.

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Uh, to be able to if it's going to make any sense.

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So, you're doing screening testing at least once a week, a week and if you have a place where it's very high risk, or there's more transmission than I would at least increase it twice a week.

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The testing is able to detect the delta area, and we haven't had any difficulty detecting the delta variant either through, or by next testing.

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Or through our PC testing, which is the 1 that you send out to the lab.

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But we do, we are seeing a much more higher viral load. That means the virus count is much higher.

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We are seeing that, so I'm testing testing, testing, nothing to substitute testing, symptom, monitoring testing.

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Social distancing back to the basics is very, very critical during this period of time.

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They will work and, uh, we've shown we've gone through to a bit to.

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To real surges using these strategies, and we can get through this again by using the mitigation strategies.

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The other 1 is about, um, there is also something about monoclonal antibodies.

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So monoclonal antibodies.

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They are proven repeatedly, including for Delta variant, including Delta variant that if you, if somebody who is, let's say, high risk, and they go through a list of individuals on high risk, for example.

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You are 60 as an older, or if you have an email compromised medical condition, if you are having other medical problems that collect a combination of high diabetes hypertension, several chronic medical condition.

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So they do have a list of individuals who are considered high risk. And if those individuals get their monoclonal antibody infusion.

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They tend to not get seriously ill.

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And, uh, uh, and, uh, they found that the mortality rate, or the debt rate was also.

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Very, very low. I mean, to the point that they think that if given within the 1st week.

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Of onset of symptoms, like, testing positive.

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You are going to save that individual.

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From going really sick to the hospital and become very on the ventilator.

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Or, uh, even mortality so infusion wonderful and anybody fusion is very important. This available. The 1 that is approved for Delta is called region around.

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It's the only 1 that there are these to be several, but for Delta, they found that.

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This is general and this and 1 more that starts an s, I mean, these salary complicated names. So if you do have somebody.

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Who is a high risk and a, and they've tested positive.

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The best thing to do is to conduct a doctor and see if they're a good candidate for a monoclonal antibody infusion, and the doctor can refer them to the infusion center. Most of these infusion send us are able to provide.

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Infusion, it's a day procedure. 2 hours you're done and you see that that amount of peace of mind.

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Okay, that sounds are monoclonal antibodies.

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Uh, vaccine it, because he has a saying, you know, um.

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Real life data, as I said, it's still, 88%, protective a Pfizer, especially for 88% protective, which is less than you remember for.

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Uh, the alpha variance, and for the original after 2 doses, it was 95% protective right? And we saw that.

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We really did see in real life, 95% protection and and and we just see the 92 I think 90 92 plus in production but the alpha.

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But the real life data for 2 vaccine for pfizers about 80%, this is and they've done good studies.

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But what Israel found is, when they, when they gave them the community, they looked in the community and said effectiveness because when you're doing a test.

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You're not, you're actually doing it in a little bit of a pseudo environment because you're withdrawing the blood and looking at whether it's neutralizing the antibodies utilizing.

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Um, the virus and those kind of things, um, which is very accurate.

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And, you know, exactly what is happening and you can put that plus a date on it but, you know, but it is not real life.

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So realize effectiveness data that came out of Israel, which is like, they looked at the whole country.

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And and history has got the highest amount of vaccination, especially Pfizer to those Pfizer.

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In the entire entire world, I think they have more than 60 more than 60 to 70% of their population.

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Vaccinate what they found was about a, for testing positive. This is the word for testing positive for.

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They found that 64% of the individuals did not as positive who were vaccinated and those who are not, um, that those who are not vaccinated. Definitely did test positive at a higher rate.

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But it was still, it was, it was still not 88%.

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Productive as the, the data from.

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Uh, the, the labs of the lab studies show so the reason is, in real life individuals have so many other factors their own.

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Ability for your own response and your own immunity,

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a presence of a number of chronic diseases,

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among your behaviors,

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how much high risk behaviors individuals are are engaging in for example,

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if you live in a small home and and together and there's no real space for social distancing of course,

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there's going to be more viral transmission,

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so those kind of data there's a lot of that kind of real life.

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Um, uh, data, so so we do know that the risk for vaccines protect, but how much or how little or how more we just have to wait for more information but really, at this point.

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If you asked me, I am glad I have a vaccine. Yes, exactly. The way I think through this is.

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You know, what are my chances of getting a car not in a car does not have airbags. I do not have my seat belt on and I'm speeding at 8,590 miles an hour and I get a crash.

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The chances of me dying is much higher, versus if I sit in a car that has multiple airbags.

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And I have a CC built on and then if I drive within speed limit, I'm very good, which is the mitigation efforts and be the speed limit. But even if I go faster at 85 and don't follow the speed limit or the mitigation factors.

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And I get into an accident, I'm still going to survive.

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Uh, at a much higher rate, than if I did not have the feedback, the seat belt on.

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Or my car was not protective, so this is important to remember. So.

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You know, personally, yes, I, you know, I'm not going to go around because I'm vaccinated and engage in behaviors and there's no virus around me.

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But if I am vaccinated and also engaging in recent mitigation strategies, I believe I'm more protecting. My family's still protected.

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Even from the delta. Okay, this is my personal opinion and this is how I'm thinking through this.

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And this is the advice I'm giving my friends, so I'm just sharing that with, you.

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So, mitigation strategy is 1 of the things that we're looking at specifically.

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Definitely, you know, we know that our patients and our residents who have intellectual disability, a majority of them cannot mask. Several reasons for that is not safe. When you have the nonverbal many of them, they are not able to manage it.

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And that's a good number of our, some of our residents do mask those who can and are able to. But some of our residents are not able to mask. So, so much, much more critical for our staff and ask.

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A staff, hostile, mask, covering nose and mouth. I see many times and walk into facilities. I can see masks somewhere in the body not necessarily covering the mouth and the face. So it's very critical that they have well fitting mask.

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And colors the nose and the mouth I mean, this is just like, so this is the only way to virus gets out. There's no other way.

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There's no other way for the binders to get out. So it's like, closing a door.

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Virus you get out, so it's very important that we do that. The 2nd thing.

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So, that is important and the other thing is also be looking at is still allowing enough activities because the impact of not having activities in the mouth on these patients has been hard to.

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Um, that many of them have lost their physical ability to walk, because they're not physically active.

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So, we do encourage those activities going, but within a safe.

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Safer way of looking at it and the other thing would be avoiding is really like home, you know.

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This is are important, but again, look at mitigation.

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So, it's very, very important to look at mitigation. So I know I've gone overboard on time and I know station.

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Also on, they have to talk, but if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

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Silence.

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Okay with that our station different empty friends. Dr. I believe you're still on.

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Yeah, yes, and I will be as brief as possible and then I'll turn over very quickly to Megan to give you an update. Really? I'll keep this brief. Thank you. Doc sent us.

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I mean, I would just reiterate everything you said, I will just add a few things that we are. There. We're available. May sound like a broken record, but there is a lot of coban fatigue. All of us.

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We're all ready to get out and tired. And now the 2nd wave is upon us, but we must remain vigilant and I can't emphasize enough what doctor Sammy Sosa that are nothing is 100%.

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And there's been some unfortunate, tragic cases, even with people that are vaccinated, but is, it is our best defense. So, I would encourage you, everyone has their own choice, but I myself have been vaccinated to protect myself and my family.

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And I think that's the way we're looking at this.

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Again, we are there anything we can do to keep individuals out of the healthcare, sending to mitigate those people leaving when unnecessarily keeps them safe.

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But also, in our community that we provide support to it, keeps the and family members safe as well because you're putting them at risk. We are there for questions about cobit. If you have a concern, should I get tested who needs to be isolated?

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All of those things are, physicians are as up to date as we possibly can. This is a constantly moving scenario and situation, especially with Missouri and this delta variant.

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So I just want to reiterate Thank doctor for going through very thorough kind of evaluation. And and I love the seat belt airbag analogy. That's a great way of looking at this.

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Lastly, I will turn it over to Megan calcium to just give you an idea of where we are now. And I believe Megan is on. So, thank you. And again, if you have any questions, please contact us directly and we're happy to answer them.

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Yeah, hi, I'm here. Good afternoon. Everybody.

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Um, I just wanted to maybe maybe could I share my screen I was just gonna kind of bring up.

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Just kind of a brief slide, but if not, I can always just talk through it as well.

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Great.

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Okay, so this is just kind of just so people can kind of get an understanding of what the utilization has been. You can kind of see, we kind of started last April.

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We've kind of ramped up during the height of when things were really tough with the end of last year. We kind of kind of hit our peak and kind of as cobit, I think subsided. We did lose some volume. And now, we're kind of seeing that volume come up.

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I mean, the good news is, is that not all of the volume that we're seeing in this increase is coded related. Some of it certainly is, but we're definitely seeing more utilizations from the individuals living at home.

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And the individuals living in different homes to the agencies as well.

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So we've been successful in really pretty much treating people in place pretty consistently about 80 to 90% of the time, which has been great to see.

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So just wanted to kind of share this information and really kind of push again for people to utilize us. No matter really. Nothing is too small or too significant, any kind of question or concern. We're always here to help.

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So please feel free to reach out. I don't know if people have any questions about any of that.

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I'll check the chat real quick.

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I didn't see any questions, so I just kind of wanted to share some of that data with everybody.

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That date is extremely valuable we appreciate you sharing that and we appreciate everyone joining us today if you haven't had a chance to respond in the chat and let us know the frequency for these calls please do that before you hop off,

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we want to make sure we're meeting those people and getting folks the information in the format,

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and the timeliness that they want.

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So, thank you all for joining us today. And after we take a look at that feedback we receive, we will send out information regarding when our next call will be. So, thank you very much. Everyone have a great day.

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Take care.