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## Todd County Vaccine Rate Corrected

On July 8, 2021 Todd County's COVID-19 vaccine rate was corrected from 37.7 percent vaccinated in our 16 and older population, to 41.9 percent vaccinated. This is due to the addition of many residents who were incorrectly assigned to another county when they received their vaccine.

The Minnesota Department of Health has been working on solutions to use geocoding to identify and correct county border assignment issues in the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC).

- This issue mostly affected people that live on or near county borders and could result in people being assigned to the wrong county when their vaccine information was entered into MIIC.
- The update this week to use geocoding to correct county assignments shifts people to the correct county. This can affect the vaccination rates for some counties since some residents were not counted in the correct county's statistics. It does not affect Minnesota's overall vaccination rate.
- This update helps us ensure we, and each county, have the most accurate vaccination information possible.

"We are pleased to see that our vaccine rates are much higher than had been reported," Director Jackie Och said. "We are proud of what our community has accomplished in providing access and opportunities for residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine."

There continues to be opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at our local health care systems and pharmacies. Additionally, Todd County Health & Human Services will be providing the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine free of charge for any individuals aged 18 and older at the Todd County Fair on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm.

If you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine please contact Todd County Health & Human Services at 320-732-4500.