COVID-19 Community Levels are to be used for general public and non-clinical guidance.
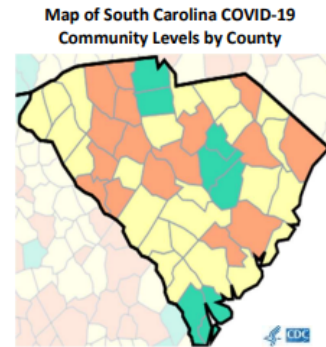
The CDC is now utilizing COVID-19 Community Levels to help guide COVID-19 prevention and control decisions.

- The CDC looks at the combination of three metrics to determine the Community Level:
  - New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days
  - Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients
  - New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days
- Community Levels can be low, medium, or high.

Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.
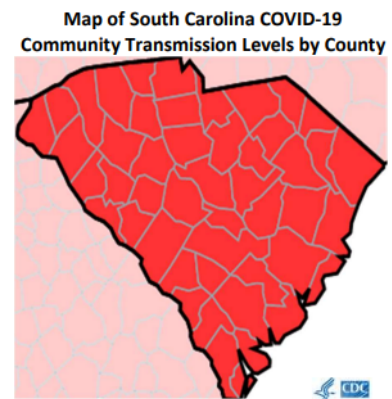
Please Note: COVID-19 Community Levels do not apply in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes. Instead, healthcare settings should continue to use community transmission rates and follow CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers.

County	Community Levels	New COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 Population in the Past 7-days	New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions per 100,000 Population in the Past 7-days	Staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (%)
Allendale	Medium	241.7	8.9	7.2
Bamberg	Medium	248.8	8.9	7.2
Beaufort	Low	140.0	9.7	4.5
Berkeley	High	215.4	14.7	4.2
Calhoun	Medium	213.0	8.9	7.2
Charleston	Medium	157.3	14.7	4.2
Colleton	Medium	159.3	14.7	4.2
Dorchester	High	266.6	14.7	4.2
Hampton	Medium	161.3	14.7	4.2
Jasper	Low	139.7	9.7	4.5
Orangeburg	Medium	242.5	8.9	7.2

Map of South Carolina COVID-19 Community Levels by County

Lowcountry COVID-19: Community Transmission Levels (As of 8/25/22).

County	Transmission Levels
Allendale	High
Bamberg	High
Beaufort	High
Berkeley	High
Calhoun	High
Charleston	High
Colleton	High
Dorchester	High
Hampton	High
Jasper	High
Orangeburg	High

Map of South Carolina COVID-19 Community Transmission Levels by County

Guidance Based on Community Burden Levels		
Low	**Medium**	**High**
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks may be required in places determined by local or state authorities.

Source: CDC COVID-19 Community Levels. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#county-check, Accessed 8/26/22.
*Time Period: COVID-19 Community Levels were calculated on Thu Aug 25 2022.
**New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (7-day total) are calculated using data from Thu Aug 18 2022 - Wed Aug 24 2022.
***New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) and Percent of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) are calculated using data from Wed Aug 17 2022 - Tue Aug 23 2022.

The CDC uses COVID-19 Community Transmission Levels to help guide COVID-19 prevention and control decisions in CLINICAL SETTINGS ONLY.