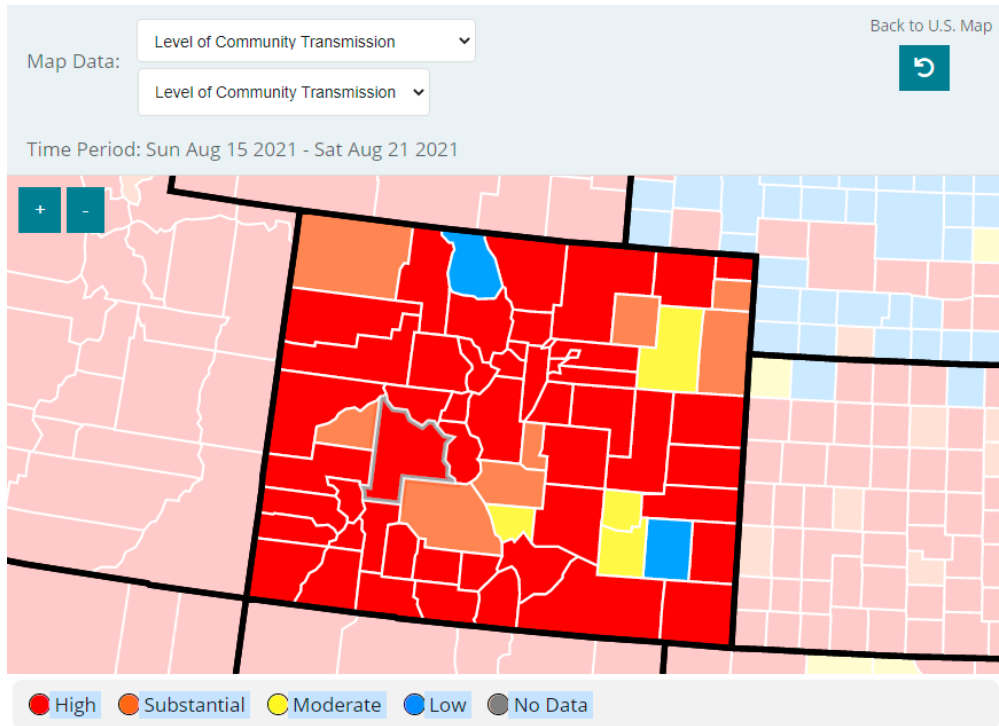


BINAXNOW & UPDATES

8/23/21



GUNNISON COUNTY COVID UPDATES

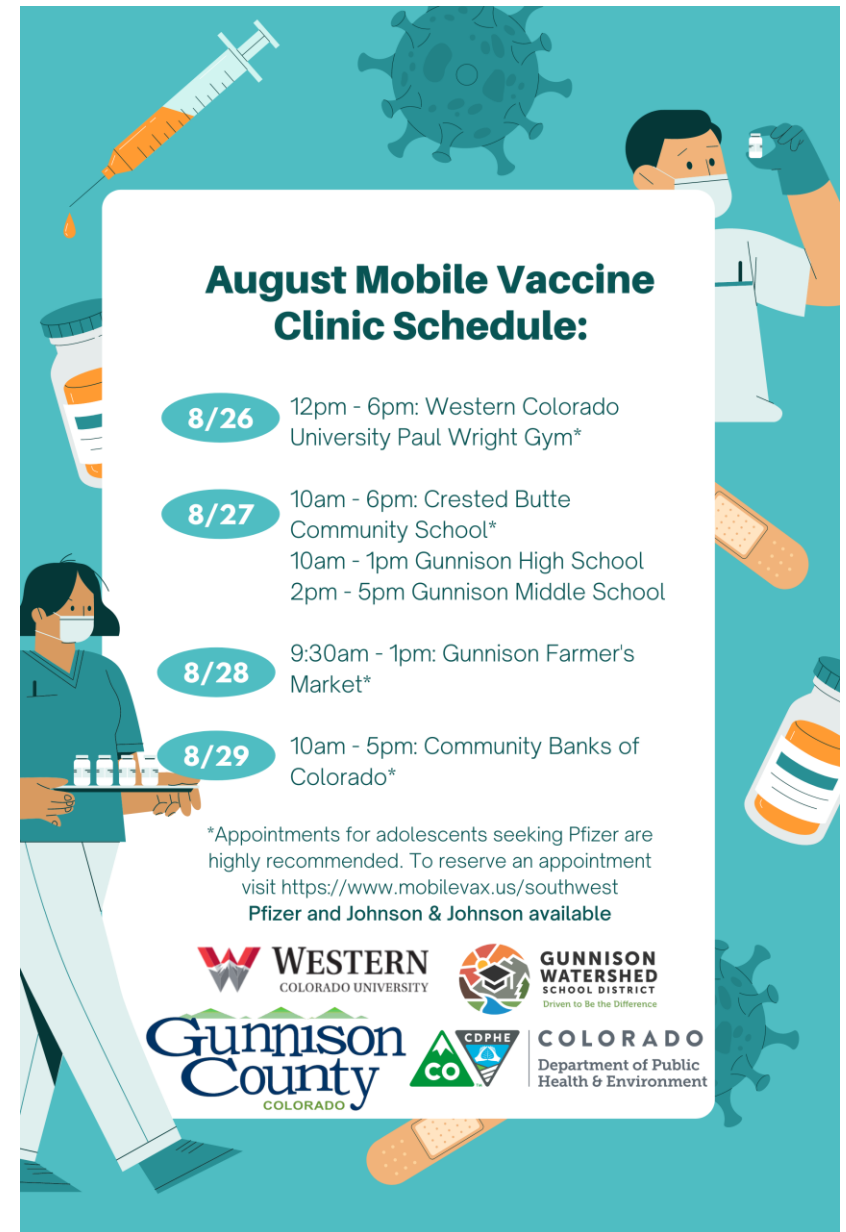


- From 8/16-8/22 Gunnison County had 48 positive results
 - 38 of these came from our routine testing
 - The sample from the CDPHE mass testing event had a positivity rate of 4.3% based on available results on 8/23/21
- Infection control measures work
 - If you have a HEPA filter, make sure it's on!
 - Practice effective ventilation strategies



VACCINATION PROGRESS

- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine now fully approved for 16 and up
 - This will be marketed under the name Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee)
- The EUA continues for those 12-15 as more data is reviewed
- Over 71% of Gunnison County residents are fully vaccinated
 - Nearly 77% have received at least one dose
- The CDPHE Mobile unit will be here this week



The graphic features a teal background with medical illustrations: a syringe, a coronavirus particle, a nurse, a pharmacist, a bandage, and a pill bottle. A white central box contains the schedule text.

August Mobile Vaccine Clinic Schedule:

Date	Location
8/26	12pm - 6pm: Western Colorado University Paul Wright Gym*
8/27	10am - 6pm: Crested Butte Community School*
	10am - 1pm: Gunnison High School
	2pm - 5pm: Gunnison Middle School
8/28	9:30am - 1pm: Gunnison Farmer's Market*
8/29	10am - 5pm: Community Banks of Colorado*

*Appointments for adolescents seeking Pfizer are highly recommended. To reserve an appointment visit <https://www.mobilevax.us/southwest>
Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson available

Logos at the bottom include: Western Colorado University, Gunnison Watershed School District, Gunnison County Colorado, CDPHE Colorado, and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.



BINAXNOW FOR BUSINESS

- We are working on a process to deliver BinaxNow test kits to businesses and organizations
- BinaxNow is a rapid antigen test
 - Best used serially (repeatedly)
 - Not as accurate as a PCR test but a helpful tool if used appropriately
- These should be used as a screening tool in the workplace as an infection mitigation tool
- The test kits are an *additional* tool
 - Organizations should continue to implement other infection mitigation procedures



USING THE TEST KITS

- As of this morning, CDPHE is unable to commit to continuing to provide this resource and indicated BinaxNow resources are limited
- Last week we ordered tests but the order remains unfulfilled
 - If we receive shipment, we can likely give every busy one box of BinaxNow test kits but it is unlikely that we will be able to re-order after that
- The packages of test kits from CDPHE are in groups of 40
 - Unfortunately, the reagent used to process the kits is matched to the 40 count box
 - If we are able to continue accessing the BinaxNow test kits this will impact resource distribution as they will be matched
- The clinical services team from Health and Human Services will provide an update on how to appropriately utilize BinaxNow test kits

