



## Re: Percent or number of healthcare employees positive test in September 2021

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Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 4:57 PM

To: Jessica Hiteshew <jessica.hiteshew@gmail.com>

Dear Jessica,

Healthcare providers and laboratories are required to report information for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 to the state or local health department. Our disease reporting regulations and processes are detailed here: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/report-a-disease>

Once a case is reported, someone from the state or local health department reaches out to interview the person who tested positive. The purpose of this interview is to make sure that proper disease control measures are in place (like isolating at home until no longer contagious) and information is collected for contact tracing to prevent additional spread. As part of this interview, we collect information on occupation. The completeness of our information depends on how many people are reached for interview and the information they provide to us.

During September 2021, 1.4% of reported cases in Colorado were listed as being healthcare workers.

Regards,  
Alicia Cronquist

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From: **Jessica Hiteshew** <jessica.hiteshew@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 2:47 PM

Subject: Percent or number of healthcare employees positive test in September 2021

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Hello,

My name is Jessica and I am employee at Boulder Community Health in Colorado. I am doing a research project and I am trying to figure out how many healthcare workers/employees (including all physicians, NP, nurses, healthcare administration, and any healthcare personal) tested positive in September 2021. I know that when a healthcare worker test positive for Covid it has to be reported to the state, and I was wondering if the state had the number or percentage (of total positive cases in Colorado) that were healthcare employees only.

Thank you,  
Jessica

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