

# Six months in, **nearly 1 in 4 people** who take **COVID-19 tests** are positive

The positivity rate, which measures the prevalence of COVID-19, has skyrocketed in Boone County since the early months of the pandemic — growing from .3% in early May to 23.3% in early September.

**3 in 1,000**

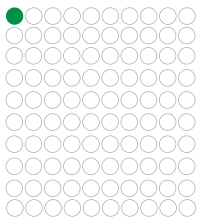
May 1–May 7



This means that, for every 1,000 COVID-19 tests taken, only three would be positive.

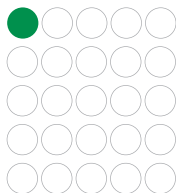
**1 in 100**

June 5–June 11



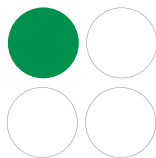
**1 in 25**

July 10–July 16



nearly  
**1 in 4**

Sept. 4–Sept. 10



ALEXIS ALLISON, HANNAH KIRCHWEHM/Missourian

Source: Columbia/Boone County Department of Health & Human Services