COVID-19 Resources and Health Order Updates – March 5, 2021

1) We remain in the **Yellow (Low) Risk Level**! We still have a ways to go before we reach our **Green (New Normal) Risk Level**, so let’s keep working at it.

2) **Updated Statistics:**
   - Between February 19, 2021 and March 4, 2021 Teton County detected 63 new cases. This is a 50% decrease from the previous two weeks, during which time 125 cases were detected. The percent of recent COVID-19 tests that were positive has also decreased to approximately 2.2%.
   - 46% of cases during this time period have been due to community spread.
   - As of 3/4/2021, there were 69 known active cases in Teton County.
   - **Statistics overview**
     - Hear from Teton County Health Department’s Epidemiologist in our **Behind the Graph Videos**:
       - Watch the video about metrics and how they determine our risk level by clicking [here](#).
       - Watch the video on community spread by clicking [here](#).

3) **Health Orders and Recommendations:**
   - **Statewide Health Orders**
     - In effect Monday, March 1, 2021 through Monday, March 15, 2021
     - To view the Summary of the Changes, [click here](#).
       1. The **2nd Continuation of Order #1**: Conditions of operation for establishments including bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, childcare facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools.
       2. The **2nd Continuation of Order #2**: Gathering size limitations.
       3. The **4th Continuation of Order #4**: Requires face coverings in certain places, with exceptions, throughout the State of Wyoming.
         - Order #3 has been discontinued; however, the **Statewide Mask Order is still in effect for businesses formerly covered by Order #3**.

   - **Federal Mask Mandate** for federal buildings and federal lands. Learn more [here](#).
   - **Masks Mandate on Public Transportation**

4) **COVID-19 Vaccine Update:**
   - **Registration** is now open for **Phase 1c**
     - This includes the following individuals:
       - In the higher risk population-based groups (including individuals 50-64 year old) or **Essential critical infrastructure workforce** (who are unable to physically distance or telework). **This includes restaurant, kitchen and food prep staff**.
     - If your business qualifies or you have employees within the age range, please forward the link to your employees so they can register themselves.
     - We will use this information to allocate appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals will be randomly selected from the registration list weekly depending on vaccine availability.
   - See the [press release](#) to learn more.
   - Print out resources in English and Spanish from the [vaccine toolkit](#) to share with your team.
   - We anticipate to vaccinate the general public by early May!
   - Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 option 1 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday to get assistance or you can email [covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov](mailto:covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov) if you have questions about qualifying.
For community members who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine please continue to follow our preventative measures, wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet from others, frequently washing hands, and staying home when sick. We will need to continue these measures until a bigger percentage of our community is vaccinated and we have reached herd immunity for COVID-19.

5) **Surveillance testing** is still very important since it catches asymptomatic positives and can decrease the spread of COVID-19 within your business. If you have Vault tests on hand, use them. If you want to sign up for Curative Surveillance Testing, click here. If your business is already signed up, please encourage your staff to get tested when offered the opportunity.

6) Teton County Health Department recommends 14-day quarantine periods from last day of close contacts, especially for household contacts.
   - Restrictions apply for shortened quarantine options.
     - Any symptoms, even mild, **will not** be allowed to follow a shortened quarantine.
     - Regular symptom checking of all employees is advised (with or without a known exposure) and is essential for those returning to work under shortened quarantine for the remaining 14-days.
     - For earliest return at day 8, a negative test result (with sample collected at the appropriate time - on or after day 5) is necessary.
     - Tracking employees last date of exposure, test date and result is advised.
     - Under no circumstances can someone return earlier than day 8 from last exposure.
   - Learn more about [quarantine strategies](#).

7) The Teton County Health Department and St. John’s health are partnering on the [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), an every-three-year initiative designed to improve the health and quality of life for Teton County residents. Designed for Teton County residents, the five-minute survey is available online in English by clicking here and in Spanish by clicking here. These surveys will be open from February 1 through March 15. Community input is extremely important in identifying public health needs. If you could help spread the word about completing the survey, that would be a tremendous help!

8) **Stay in the Know:**
   - **Community COVID Update:** Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19th at 12pm. Click here to watch it live or recorded.
   - Questions about the **COVID-19 Vaccine**? Check out our [vaccine webpage](#) or email your questions to covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov.
   - Subscribe to the [Shred the Spread Newsletter](#) to see the latest stats, resources, and more. Stay informed and help #ShredtheSpread of COVID-19.
   - Sign up for [weekly COVID-19 updates](#) through Nixle Text TC_COVID to 888777. Envie TC_COVID 888777 y responda ESP.

9) **Resources:**
   - [Contact tracing steps](#) for your business
   - Update to [quarantine recommendations](#)
   - What to do while waiting for test results?
   - Has someone been exposed to COVID-19?
   - Has someone tested positive to COVID-19?
   - COVID-19 testing options for individuals and businesses
   - Questions? Call (307) 732-8537 or email Ashley.cassat@wyo.gov