COVID-19 Updates and Resources – November 19, 2021

New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics
   - Teton County is still in the RED (HIGH) RISK LEVEL, but we’re under 200 cases per 100K and moving in the right direction! With the holidays approaching please consider you/your employee’s choices and behaviors to help keep COVID case rate down. There’s ample testing available in our community and masks and good hygiene are important to early recognition and prevention
   - For the last 7 days, Teton County new cases are 179.0 cases per 100,000 population. Teton County’s COVID curve is decreasing, both new case rate and percent test positivity are declining compared with last week.
   - 3.14% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
   - Between November 8, 2021 and November 15, 2021 (7 days) 49 cases were detected. 42 of these cases were from people who live in Teton County. 7 cases were from visitors, workers who live in surrounding communities, and other non-Teton County cases who tested in Teton County.
   - 53.1% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
   - As of 11/16/21, there were 48 known active cases in Teton County.
   - Between 11/8 – 11/15, St. John’s reported an average of 44.7% overall occupancy and ICU 21.7% occupancy. There has been an average of 3.14 PCU COVID+ patients and zero ICU/Transfers COVID+ patient per day.
   - As of 11/15, 81.26% of Teton County residents have been fully vaccinated.
   - In Red, the Dashboard will be updated 4x weekly Tuesday through Friday as data is available.
   - To learn more about our updated transmission metric system, read our press release and view the metrics website.
   - Print and post the All Risk Level Infographic.

2) COVID-19 Policy Update
   - The Teton County Board of County Commissioners will be hosting a COVID-19 Workshop at 9am on Monday, November 29th. They will be discussing the COVID-19 metrics and current mask mandate.
     - There is not an agenda posted at this time, but you can watch the meeting live or watch the recorded meeting at a later time.
     - If you would like to provide public comment to the commissioners regarding the mask order you can either submit an email at commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov or provide public comment at the meeting either virtually or in person.

3) COVID-19 Spread – Household Contact
   - Household contact/exposure is our biggest source of spread of COVID-19.
   - In the past, the Health Department had housing to offer individuals to reduce the spread while in Isolation or Quarantine, but unfortunately, we no longer have this offering.
   - We are currently seeking:
     - A room or two that TCHD could rent through April 2022. Would like the room to have a separate entrance, a bathroom, and a kitchenette (full kitchen a bonus).
     - Continued partnership with businesses who have set aside rooms for employees and housemates who test positive or are at risk of testing positive.
     - New partnerships with businesses who may be able to assist their employees with housing when those employees would benefit from separating from those they live with to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
   - If you have any rental opportunities or questions, please reach out to Wendy Baylor at wendy.baylor@wyo.gov or (307) 203-0509.

Limiting the spread of covid in your workforce will ensure that your business can continue to operate without losing employees to illness, Isolation or Quarantine.
4) **COVID-19 Surveillance Program Update**

- Thank you to the businesses who participated in the Teton County COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Program! We will be discontinuing this program effective this week, 11/15/2021. Teton County Health Department still encourages testing for anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 or for those who have had close contact to a positive case. Screening for COVID-19 should be considered in unvaccinated, asymptomatic individuals working in close contact with the public or for those working in settings where physical distancing is difficult.

- **Curative Testing** and **Vault Testing** are still available for those businesses who wish to set up their own testing program internally for employees. If utilizing Curative testing we ask that for those employees that are not symptomatic or close contacts to a positive case that you direct them to either the Teton County Health Department in a cooler.

5) **Testing Update**

- **Free Curative tests:**
  - The Curative kiosk at the Home Ranch will be moved to the Stillson Lot the week of 11/22.
  - All Curative testing sites including the rapid testing center will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th and Saturday, November 27th.
  - The Curative rapid testing center located at the previous St. John’s Testing Site 520 S. Highway 89, Suites I&J, in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway will be open on Friday, November 26th (the other kiosks will be closed that Friday).
  - Appointments are needed - book here.

- **Free Vault tests:**
  - Vault tests are still available to order for free for individuals and businesses.
  - Available to pick up outside the Teton County Health Department in a cooler.

6) **Vaccine Mandate Update**

- OHSA is not implementing the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) order (vaccine mandate) pending court outcome, therefore the current mandate has no current effect on Wyoming counties at this time.

- [OSHA website](#)

- Wyoming Governor’s press release on lawsuits, click [here](#).

7) **COVID-19 Vaccine for 12+ Update**

- [Book an appointment here](#)

  - Appointments for the full month of December are now open.
  - After December 11th, COVID Clinic will move back to the Health Department on East Pearl Ave.
    - New schedule will be:
      - Tuesdays 10am-7pm, lunch break 1:30-2:30pm
      - Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30am-4pm, lunch break 12-1pm

- The FDA has authorized an expansion of booster eligibility for individuals who initially received Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to all individuals 18+ years
  - The CDC’s Advisory Committee has just finished meeting today and also recommends boosters for all individuals 18+ years.
  - TCHD does not yet have full authorization to follow these updated guidelines. Next steps would be:
    - The CDC will make a decision based on the Advisory Committee’s recommendation.
    - The WY Department of Health would then authorize the expansion, allowing TCHD to follow updated guidance.
  - We do not have an idea of a timeline for these steps at this time.

- For ongoing and general clinic information, visit [www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax](http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax) for updates. Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday for assistance or with any questions.

8) **COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Years Old Update**

- **Upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics for children 5-11 years old:**
  - Saturday, November 20, 2021
  - Appointments for the month of December are now open.
    - After December 11th, pediatric (5-11 year old) clinics will occur on Mondays 3-7pm at the Health Department on East Pearl Ave.

- **Appointments required** and can be made [here](#) or by calling our Call Center at 307-732-8628.

- Parents and guardians should consult their healthcare provider or family physician for additional guidance or questions they have regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 years old.
9) Flu Shot Update
- **Walk-in Flu Clinic at the Health Department on Tuesday, November 23 from 8:30am-5:30pm**
  - Free for individuals who are underinsured or uninsured
  - Information for accepted insurance will be collected
- **After Thanksgiving - Appointments needed!**
  - Individuals wanting to get a flu shot at the Health Department will need to call to make an appointment at our Public Health Immunization Clinic (Mon/Wed/Fri). To schedule, call 307-733-6401, choose option 1 for the clinic, and then option 3 for the front desk.
  - Flu shots are also available at pharmacies, St. John’s Health offices and independent providers around town.

10) Grant Opportunity
- **Grant opportunity for eligible FDA-regulated food producers, processors, and growers**. The USDA’s **Pandemic Response and Safety Grants** cover COVID-19-related expenses such as workplace safety measures, e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE) retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety, shifting to online sales platforms, transportation, worker housing, and medical costs. **Apply by November 22.**

### Existing Information:

1) Teton County Face Covering Order
- **Public Health Order #21-5** requiring individuals within Teton County, Wyoming to wear face coverings in certain places, with exceptions is **in effect through December 31, 2021**.
- Masks will be required when the County risk level is Red (high) or Orange (moderate). If the risk level decreases to Yellow (low) or Green (new normal), masks will not be required. The community will be notified when the County’s risk level moves to Yellow.
  - Notices to changes in the mask mandate, along with weekly updates are sent out via text message through Nixle. [Sign up here](#) or text 83001 to 888777.
- To view the signed Health Order that applies within Jackson City limits, [click here](#).
- To view the signed Health Order that applies in the unincorporated area of Teton County, [click here](#).
- Free surgical masks available at the JH Chamber of Commerce. Just stop by! 260 W Broadway, Suite A, 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm.
- [Mask signage options](#)

2) Contact Tracing Flow Chart
- **Updated 10/29/21 contact tracing flow chart for businesses and childcare centers or for K-12 schools.**
  - This document will help you navigate an exposure, determine who is and who is not a close contact, and action steps for those individuals.
  - As a reminder: All cases will be contacted. When we have a surge like we are experiencing right now, contacts may not be called but information will be made available to the case or the employer to share with the contacts.

3) Testing Info
- **WHEN TO TEST?**
  - If you have symptoms (vaccinated or not) – test immediately. This includes cold-like symptoms! Individuals should leave work and isolate from others until they receive negative results (see below if exposed).
  - If exposed to someone who tested positive (you are likely to hear from Public Health):
    - **FULLY VACCINATED** (>2 weeks after last recommended dose):
      - SYMPTOMATIC? Test immediately. Quarantine until results received. Isolate if positive.
      - NO SYMPTOMS? Test 5-7 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Wear a mask in all indoor settings for 14 days or until negative test result. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Isolate if test is positive.
    - **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**: Quarantine and test at appropriate time (immediately if symptomatic; no earlier than day 5 if asymptomatic). Monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

---