COVID-19 Updates and Resources – December 10, 2021

New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics
   - We remain in RED. Our COVID curve dropped leading into Thanksgiving and then rose over the last week. Currently, the case rate is starting to flatten out at just under 200 cases per 100K.
     - With the holiday and New Year approaching please consider you/your employees’ choices and behaviors to help keep our COVID cases down. Mask wearing, staying home when sick, and testing are important steps to early recognition and stopping the spread of COVID-19. There is ample testing available in our community.
   - For the last 7 days, Teton County new cases are 170.47 cases per 100,000 population.
   - 2.21% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
   - Between November 29, 2021 and December 6, 2021 (7 days) 47 cases were detected. 40 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.
   - In the last two weeks, there have been a total of 70 cases detected. 59 of these cases were from people who live in Teton County. 11 cases were from visitors, workers who live in surrounding communities, and other non-Teton County cases who tested in Teton County.
   - 64.5% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
   - As of December 7, 2021, there were 38 known active cases in Teton County. 11 cases were from visitors, workers who live in surrounding communities, and other non-Teton County cases who tested in Teton County.
   - As of December 7, 2021, 82.03% of the Teton County’s population has been fully vaccinated.
   - Between 11/30 – 12/7, St. John’s reported an average of 33.4% overall occupancy and ICU 16.7% occupancy. There has been an average of 1.71 PCU COVID+ patients and zero ICU/Transfers COVID+ patient per day.
   - To learn more about our updated transmission metric system, view our [metrics website](http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax). View the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/) to see our risk level in real time.
   - The [Teton County Dashboard](https://tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax) will be updated Tuesdays- Fridays when we are in red/high risk level.
   - Teton County Health Department sends out a weekly update and Nixle message. To receive the weekly updates through Nixle, [Sign up here](http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax) or text 83001 to 888777.

2) Testing Update
   - Free Curative tests:
     - The Curative kiosk at the Home Ranch has been moved to the Stilson Lot. The Kiosk at the Library is still open.
     - The Curative rapid testing center is located at 520 S. Highway 89, Suites I&J, in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway
     - If utilizing Curative testing, we ask that individuals that are not symptomatic or close contacts to a positive case utilize the Teton Library location or the Stilson Lot location for testing and save the rapid testing for those who are symptomatic and or a close contact.
     - Appointments are needed - [book here](http://www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax).
   - 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.

3) COVID-19 Vaccine for 12+ Update
   - There are a few remaining appointments for December appointments for 12+ years. Additionally, the first week of January is open and more to come soon. We anticipate these to fill up fast.
     - Book an appointment here
     - Please note that our vaccine clinic will be closed for the holidays on December 23 and December 27 through December 30.
   - Beginning the week of December 13th the TCHD COVID Vaccine Clinic will move back to the Health Department, located at 460 East Pearl Ave.
   - Booster Update:
     - As of December 9, 2021, booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine are authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17 by the FDA and CDC. This age range is only eligible for Pfizer boosters 6 months after their second dose. This age range is not eligible to receive any other type of COVID-19 vaccine for their booster.
     - Moderna and J&J boosters have only been approved for 18 years and older.
   - 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.
4) COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Years Old Update

- Beginning Monday, December 13th, pediatric (5-11 year old) clinics will occur weekly on Mondays from 3-7pm at the Health Department on 460 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.

Existing Information:

1) Flu Shots
- Appointments needed!
  - Individuals still 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.

2) 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 (substantial). If the risk level decreases to Yellow (moderate) or Green (low), masks will not be required. The community should look at the CDC COVID Data Tracker to see when we are in Yellow in real time. The Teton County Dashboard will be updated Tuesdays-Fridays when we are in red/high risk level. Teton County Health Department sends out a weekly update and Nixle message.
  - To receive the weekly updates through Nixle. Sign up here or text 83001 to 88777.
- To view the signed Health Order that applies within the Town of Jackson 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

3) 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.

4) 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:
    - 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, wear a mask, and test at appropriate time (immediately if symptomatic; no earlier than day 5 if asymptomatic). Monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

5) 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.

6) COVID-19 Surveillance Program Update
- Thank you to the businesses who participated in the Teton County COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Program! We discontinued this program the week of 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 and 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 Library location or the Stilson Lot location for testing.

7) Vaccine Mandate Update
- OSHA 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.
- Wyoming Governor’s press release on lawsuits, click here.