COVID-19 Updates and Resources – December 23, 2021

New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics
   • Teton County is currently in the RED/HIGH risk level.
     - Teton County has recently experienced a rapid increase in COVID-19 case numbers. With the holiday and New Year approaching, please take all necessary precautions to help keep yourself and your family safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19.
     - From 12/15 to 12/21 (7 days), the Teton County case rate was 375.04 per 100,000 population. This rate equates to 88 total cases reported during that time and an average of 12.57 cases per day. This is a 214.3% increase in new cases from the previous 7-day period.
     - 3.8% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County during the past two weeks received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
     - 57.89% of cases from 12/8 to 12/21 (14 days) were due to community spread.
     - As of 12/21, there were 92 known active cases in Teton County.
     - As of 12/20, 85.03% of Teton County’s population has been fully vaccinated according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
     - Between 12/16 – 12/22, St. John’s reported an average of 31.6% overall occupancy and 19.1% ICU occupancy. There were an average of 2.4 PCU COVID+ patients and 0 ICU COVID+ patients residing within the hospital during this time.

2) Tetons County Face Covering Order and Upcoming Recommendation
   • After the expiration of the current mask order at 11:59PM on December 31, 2021, the Teton District Health Officer will not seek a new mask order at this time, unless a significant surge in cases, healthcare system stress, or other significant community impact is seen.
   • On January 1st, Recommendation #12 will be in place. The Teton County Health Department and Teton District Health Officer encourage all community members to follow Public Health Recommendation #12, recommending that individuals wear masks in certain places once the mask order expires. This recommendation follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) guidance on mask wearing.
     - In this guidance it is recommended that everyone 2 and older should wear a mask in crowded indoor settings no matter vaccination status, when in an area of high or substantial COVID-19 transmission. In addition, mask wearing is recommended when in crowded outdoor settings but is not recommended in other outdoor settings.
   • Free surgical masks are available at the JH Chamber of Commerce. Just stop by! 260 W Broadway, Suite A, 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm.
   • View and print mask signage options specific to the recommendation by clicking here.

3) We are completely swamped with testing and case investigation. We anticipate a continued surge in cases, please have patience with our team. Our team is trying to reach everyone as quickly as possible.

4) Testing Update
   • Stilson Lot Curative Kiosk
     - Holiday Schedule
       - Dec. 23rd 7:30 AM-3:00 PM
       - Dec. 24th closed
       - Dec. 25th closed
       - Dec. 31st closed
       - Jan. 1st closed
   • Teton County Library Curative Kiosk
     - Holiday Schedule
       - Dec. 23rd 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
       - Dec. 24th closed
       - Dec. 25th closed
       - Dec. 31st closed
       - Jan. 1st closed
• Curative RAPID Testing
  o Only for 5 year olds and older
  o Appointment required - www.curative.com
  o Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway
  o Expanded Hours: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30am-3:30pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm
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  ▪ Jan 1st closed

• 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.

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.

5) COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update
• Our clinic has moved back to the Health Department, 460 E Pearl Ave.
• Schedule
  o Mondays 3-7pm (for 5-11 year olds only)
  o Tuesdays 10am-1:30pm; 2:30pm-7pm
  o Wednesdays 8:30am-12pm; 1pm-4pm
  o Thursdays 8:30am-12pm; 1pm-4pm
• Holiday Schedule
  o Our vaccine clinic will be closed for the holidays on December 23 and December 27 through December 30.
  o Area pharmacies such as Smith’s, Albertsons, Broulim’s in Driggs, Corner Drug in Driggs, and Broulim’s in Alpine are other locations community members can go to receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

For 12+ years:
• More openings to come. Stay tuned. Book here.
• Walk-In Policy
  o Individuals who are 12+ who need a first dose may walk-in at any time during our 12+ clinics on Tuesdays-Thursdays while the clinic is running.
• Waitlist Policy
  o If you are wanting to get on the waitlist for your booster appointment, you may come to the Health Dept clinic at 3:15pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays to join the waitlist. The clinic staff will do their best to accommodate. As a reminder, the clinic will be closed from Thursday December 23rd through December 30th.
  o Pfizer has expanded their booster eligibility to all individuals 16+ years. Now, 16-17 year olds are eligible to receive a Pfizer booster; their 2nd dose must be at least 6 months before receiving the booster.
  o On Thursday, December 16th the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that individuals receive an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) over a Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine will still have access to the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

For Children 5-11 Years Old:
• 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.

For ongoing and general clinic information, visit 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.

6) Vaccine Mandate Update
• The comment period has been extended for the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) order until January 19, 2022. Submit comments at www.regulations.gov in Docket number OSHA-2021-0007.

7) Flu Shots
• Appointments needed!
  o 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.
  o Unfortunately, our clinic is booked until early January.
  o Flu shots are also available at pharmacies, St. John’s Health offices and independent medical providers around town.

November 2nd, 2021
Existing Information:

1) 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.

2) 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):
         a. SYMPTOMATIC? Test immediately. Quarantine until results received. Isolate if positive.
         b. 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.

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 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.