COVID-19 Updates and Resources – December 30, 2021

New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics

- Teton County is currently in the RED/HIGH risk level.
  - Teton County is still experiencing elevated numbers of COVID-19 cases. Please take all necessary precautions to help keep yourself and your family safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19.
  - From 12/21 to 12/27 (7 days), the Teton County case rate was 1,116.60 per 100,000 population. This rate equates to 262 total cases reported during that time and an average of 37.43 cases per day. This is a 445.8% increase in new cases from the previous 7-day period.
  - 6.7% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County during the past two weeks received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
  - 56.95% of cases from 12/14 to 12/27 (14 days) were due to community spread.
  - As of 12/28, there were 254 known active cases in Teton County.
  - As of 12/27, 85.3% of Teton County’s population has been fully vaccinated according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
  - Between 12/21 – 12/27, St. John’s reported an average of 37.3% overall occupancy and 43.0% ICU occupancy. There was an average of 1.86 PCU COVID+ patients and 0.29 ICU COVID+ patients residing within the hospital during this time.
  - Visit our metrics website and the Teton County Dashboard for more information and statistics.
  - Teton County Health Department sends out a weekly update and Nixle message. To receive the weekly updates through Nixle, text "TC_COVID" to 888777 to receive any COVID Nixle messages.

2) Teton 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.
  - On January 1st, Recommendation #12 will be in place. The Teton County Health Department and Teton District Health Officer encourages 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.
    - View and print mask signage options specific to the recommendation, by clicking here.
  - As a reminder, businesses can always make masks mandatory at their place of business.
  - 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.

3) Updated and Shortened Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations

- CDC has updated and shortened their recommendations around isolation and quarantine for the general population.
  - Click here to see the CDC media release.
  - Teton County Health Department has implemented these recommendations effective immediately.
  - The specific recommendations can also be summarized here.

4) Updated Guidance for Childcare Providers from the Wyoming Department of Health

- Click here to read the Updated Guidance for Childcare Providers

5) Testing Resources & Updates

- Over the holiday weekend if you or your employees are symptomatic, testing can be obtained after an appointment is made with an Urgent Care provider. Testing is not guaranteed and left to the discretion of the provider.
  - Call Urgent Care (North) at TJ Maxx Plaza at (307) 739-8999 and or Urgent Care (South) at Smith’s Plaza at (307) 732-8628 to set up an appointment.
- After the holiday weekend, if symptomatic individuals need a rapid test and cannot find one available online, please email Ashley.cassat@wyo.gov to get the individual in touch with our triage nurses.
  - In the interest of allowing as many people to test as possible, please be mindful of the resource. If you have taken a test and are waiting for results, please stay in isolation and do not re-test to preserve resources. If you have tested positive, please do not re-test.
FREE CURATIVE TESTS:
- Curative RAPID Testing
  - Rapid testing is in extremely high demand right now. As a reminder, please only use the rapid Curative tests if you are symptomatic and/or a close contact with a confirmed positive case (testing should occur between day 5-7 after your last contact with the positive case, unless symptoms develop sooner).
  - NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED. APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.curative.com
  - Only for 5 year olds and older
  - Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway.
  - Holiday Schedule
    - Dec. 31st 7:30 AM- 3:30 PM (already completely booked)
    - Jan 1st closed
  - Hours starting January 3rd: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30am-3:30pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm

- Stilson Lot Curative Kiosk
  - Holiday Schedule
    - Dec. 31st closed
    - Jan. 1st closed
    - Jan. 2nd closed

- Teton County Library Curative Kiosk
  - Holiday Schedule
    - Dec. 31st closed
    - Jan. 1st closed
    - Jan. 2nd closed

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) COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update
For 12+ years:
- 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. The locations in Driggs, ID have both Pfizer and Moderna.
- Walk-in Policy
  - 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
  - If you are wanting to get on the waitlist for your second dose or booster, you may come to the COVID vaccine clinic at 3:15pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays to join the waitlist. The clinic staff will do their best to accommodate.
  - 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.
  - On Thursday, December 16th the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 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:
- All appointments for 5-11 year olds are currently booked. Starting next week, more appointments will be available for the last week in January. Please continue to check www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax for availability.
- 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.
Existing Information:

1) 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.

2) 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.
     - Unfortunately, our clinic is booked until early January.
     - Flu shots are also available at pharmacies, St. John’s Health offices and independent medical providers around town.

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.