COVID-19 Updates and Resources – February 4, 2022

1) Current Cases and Statistics
- New COVID-19 cases have continued to decrease significantly over the past two weeks. The average number of new cases per day has decreased to less than 20% of that seen during the recent peak. While the situation has improved substantially, transmission remains significant and Teton County currently remains in the Red/High risk level.
- From 1/28 to 2/3 (7 days), the Teton County case rate was 792.7 per 100,000 population. This rate equates to 186 total cases reported during that time and an average of 26.6 cases per day. This is a 57.9% decrease in new cases from the previous 7-day period.
- 9.4% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County during the past two weeks received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
- 52.1% of cases from 1/21 to 2/3 (14 days) were due to community spread.
- As of 2/3, there were 91 known active cases in Teton County.
- As of 1/31, 86.81% of Teton County’s population has been fully vaccinated according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
- Between 1/29 and 2/4, St. John’s Health reported an average of 51.3% overall occupancy and 24.6% ICU occupancy. There was a daily average of 5.14 PCU COVID+ patients and 0.14 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) Questions?
- For ongoing and general information, visit www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax for updates.
- Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday-Friday or email covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov for assistance or with any questions.

3) Updated and Shortened Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations
- Click here for the 2/4/22 updated Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations

4) Isolate & Trace Update
- Teton County Health Department’s (TCSD) Isolate & Trace Team is prioritizing calling cases who may be at high risk of severe illness; those in certain high-risk settings (where it is difficult to limit transmission, eg. congregate settings), and other vulnerable populations.
  - We encourage all individuals to contact their health care provider immediately for possible treatment options.
  - The prioritization used is similar to the WY Department of Health’s priority structure and other published/referred information.
- Individuals who do not get prioritized may not receive a call from the Teton County Health Department.
- We encourage all individuals to notify their close contacts.
- Isolation letters and quarantine letters may be found here (English/Spanish).
- TCHD is following shortened isolation instructions/recommendations:
  - Minimum 5 days of isolation from symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic).
  - Please note: individuals should start their isolation period over with day 0 being symptom onset, if symptoms begin AFTER a positive test.
  - Guidance and recommendations for individuals who work or live in high-risk environments may be different. Don't hesitate to reach out to problem solve your unique setting. Click here for the full CDC webpage and details on HCW isolation and quarantine.

5) Testing Updates
- PCR testing is not encouraged after initial positive test and for the subsequent 90 days.
  - There are exceptions to this recommendation, given the potential for reinfection.
- Antigen Testing
  - There has been a recent uptick in demand for at-home antigens. One of the reasons for this is employers can require a negative antigen test late on day 5 (after testing positive for COVID-19).
  - Please do not use a PCR test (Curative, Vault) to fulfill your company’s requirements to have your employee return to work after they test positive. Someone can test positive for up to 3 months on a PCR test.
- If your employee meets the criteria to be released from isolation they can return to work. Please encourage your employees to continue to take precautions through day 10 - mask wearing for an additional 5 days following a 5-day isolation, avoid travel, and avoid individuals at high risk for serious illness.
  o Most at home antigen tests are not automatically reported to the WY Department of Health or Teton County Health Department. Individuals may use an antigen test to determine if they have COVID-19. If they are unable to access a PCR test to receive laboratory confirmed results and need documentation after taking an at-home test, they can use this Google Form to obtain verification from the WY Dept of Health. The main WDH COVID-19 webpage is where you can find the link, as well as a separate form for close contacts who need proof of quarantine.
  o Every home in the U.S. now has access to 4 free rapid COVID-19 antigen tests through a new federally run website.
    ▪ Click here to order.
    ▪ Shipments are limited to one shipment/order per address. Ships via USPS so use mailing address/PO Box.
    ▪ No proof of insurance or identification is needed.
    ▪ Print flyer.
  o Antigen tests can be purchased here in bulk and here.
  o Biden’s plan to get insurance to reimburse individuals for at-home antigen tests.

- Curative Rapid Testing
  o Curative Rapid PCR tests continue to be in incredibly high demand. If no symptoms are present, we ask that you please go to the other two curative locations or use a vault test.
  o Encourage all staff to please cancel their appointment at the rapid testing center if they are not able to make it. They can do this through the Curative system, so the spot becomes available for others.
  o Please check the curative site frequently, as appointments are cancelled, appointments become available.
  o If symptomatic individuals need a rapid test and cannot find one available online, please email Ashley.cascat@wyo.gov to get the individual in touch with our triage nurses.
  o NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED. APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.curative.com
  o Only for 5 years old and older
  o Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway.
  o Hours: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Saturdays 9 AM – 1 PM

- Stilson Lot Curative Kiosk
  o Monday through Friday
  o 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
  o Appointments encouraged www.curative.com

- Teton County Library Curative Kiosk
  o Monday through Friday
  o 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
  o Appointments encouraged www.curative.com

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 Update

Immunocompromised 16+ Individuals:
- Individuals 12 and older with moderate to severe immunocompromising conditions should have received an additional dose as part of their primary series. Now, once 5 months after that 3rd dose, they should receive a COVID-19 booster dose.
  o Haven’t gotten an additional dose? Please get one!
  o Please check your dates when booking an appointment to ensure it’s been 5 months since the 3rd dose.
  o This booster dose for those who are immunocompromised is only available to those who received three full doses of the same mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). Individuals who initially received J&J are not eligible for an additional dose but should get a booster dose.

For 12+ years:
- The 12+ clinic is currently taking place at the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole, 1251 S Park Loop Rd.
- The hours for these clinics are:
  o Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
  o Walk-ins accepted (regardless of dose number) from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
  o Appointments preferred, schedule here.
- All individuals 12+ years should receive a booster shot when eligible:
  o Pfizer and Moderna: 5 months after completion of primary series
  o J&J: 2 months after single dose
• Mixing and matching of vaccine types for booster doses is acceptable for adults 18+ 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.
• There is no **required** waiting time in between someone being released from COVID-19 isolation and their ability to get a booster. Please do not show up to the vaccine clinic if you are actively on isolation. Someone’s primary care provider may make alternate recommendations about waiting some time, but there are no hard requirements.
• Can’t make your scheduled appointment? Cancel your appointment here.

For Children 5-11 Years Old:
• Clinics for 5–11-year-olds remains at the Teton County Health Department, 460 E Pearl Ave
  o Mondays 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
  o **Appointments required** and can be made here or by calling our Call Center at 307-732-8628.
• An additional dose for children 5-11 years who have moderately or seriously compromised immune systems are now authorized. Documentation of the qualifying condition is requested at the appointment. See information regarding eligible conditions and more at this link.
  o Individuals must wait at least 28 days after receiving their 2nd dose before getting their additional dose.
• Smith’s Pharmacy also has appointments for 5-11 year olds to receive a Pfizer vaccine on Saturdays. Book on their website.

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 Children Under 5 Years of Age:
• Pfizer has submitted its application to the FDA requesting Emergency Use Authorization for children between 6 months and 5 years old. Next steps are:
  o The Advisory Panel of the FDA is scheduled to meet on February 15th. They will discuss and make a recommendation to the FDA. The FDA will then decide whether or not to grant authorization.
  o If authorized, the Advisory Panel to the CDC (ACIP) will meet to discuss and make a recommendation to the CDC as they make a formal decision. The ACIP has not yet scheduled a meeting.
  o If the CDC makes a formal recommendation, the WY Department of Health must then adopt the recommendation for Teton County to begin administering vaccines.
  o It is anticipated that the earliest that this age group could get vaccines is late Feb/early March.

7) Free KN95 and Surgical Masks
• Smith’s Grocery Store Pharmacy is now carrying free KN95 masks through the new White House Program.
  o Masks are distributed through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. TCHD is not participating in this distribution.
  o Limited to 3 masks per person.
• Free surgical masks are available at the JH Chamber of Commerce. Just stop by! 260 W Broadway, Suite A, 7 days a week from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

8) Teton County Recommendations
• **As of January 1st**, Recommendation #12 is in place.
  o 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**.
    ▪ Crowded indoor settings include but are not limited to schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars, movie theaters, grocery stores, retail stores, aerial trams, gondolas, and workplaces.
  o 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.