COVID-19 Updates and Resources – January 14, 2021

1) Current Cases and Statistics
   • Teton County is still in the RED/HIGH risk level.
   • From 1/6 to 1/12 (7 days), the Teton County case rate was 4,317.3 per 100,000 population. This rate equates to 1,013 total cases reported during that time and an average of 144.7 cases per day. This is a 18.1% increase in new cases from the previous 7-day period.
   • 17.8% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County during the past two weeks received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
   • 46.4% of cases from 12/30 to 1/12 (14 days) were due to community spread.
   • As of 1/13, there were 480 known active cases in Teton County.
   • As of 1/10, 85.79% of Teton County’s population has been fully vaccinated according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
   • Between 1/7/22–1/13/22, St. John’s Health reported an average of 36.2% overall occupancy and 35.9% ICU occupancy. There was a daily average of 3.3 PCU COVID+ patients and 0.28 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) Updated and Shortened Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations
   • Our summary of the CDC’s shortened isolation and quarantine recommendations for the general public have been updated AGAIN!
     o Please, click here for the updated 1/14/22 version.
     o Spanish translation, coming soon!
   • In addition, to the above summary, we have put together a new flow chart for isolation.
     o Translation and a flow chart for quarantine, coming soon!

3) Testing Updates
   • 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.
   • There is a current glitch in the Curative system, when there are no available appointments at the rapid testing center the site disappears. Please check back often for availability. We are working with Curative on a solution to this problem.
   • If you or a staff member tests positive, please isolate, and trust your test results. The likelihood of a false positive test result is extremely low. Many people in our community are sick and need tests; please do not add extra burden to the testing system in an attempt to confirm your results.
   • 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 at 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 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 mask wearing for an additional 5 days if following a 5-day isolation.
   • We currently do not have any antigen tests available at the Health Department, however they can be purchased through various websites.
     o Available in bulk for businesses here.
     o Another good option on amazon here.
   • Biden’s plan to get insurance to reimburse individuals for at-home antigen tests.
   • Rapid tests continue to be in incredibly high demand. We are currently reserving Curative rapid testing for symptomatic individuals only. If no symptoms are present, please go to the other two curative locations or use a vault test.
     o 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.

FREE CURATIVE TESTS:
   • Curative RAPID Testing – CURRENTLY ONLY FOR SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS
     o NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED. APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.curative.com
     o Only for 5 year olds and older
     o Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway.
     o Hours: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30am-3:30pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm
   • Stilson Lot Curative Kiosk
     o Monday through Friday
     o 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Teton County hotline at 307-732-8628 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday for assistance or with any questions.

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.

5) Teton County Recommendations

- To learn what is recommended when cases are extremely high, view our updated infographic. To read the full press release listing all recommendations when cases are extremely high, click here.

- As of January 1st, Recommendation #12 is 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. 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.
    - 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.
  - 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.