COVID-19 Updates and Resources – March 4, 2022

1) Current Cases and Statistics
   • COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have continued to decrease. The CDC recently released the new Community Level system, which replaced the Transmission Risk Level. Teton County’s metrics and risk level have been updated to reflect this change. For more information, please visit this page: [https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/2171/Teton-County-Metrics](https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/2171/Teton-County-Metrics).
   • Teton County is currently in the Medium/Yellow Community Level.
   • 48 cases reported between 02/24 and 03/02 (7 days) for an average of 6.9 cases/day. This is a 45.5% decrease from the previous 7-day period.
   • The case rate during this period was 204.6 per 100,000 population.
   • Between 02/17 and 03/02 (14 days), 51.2% of interviewed cases were attributed to community spread.
   • For the past two weeks, 4.35% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
   • As of 02/28, 88.19% of Teton County residents have completed their primary vaccination series according to the Wyoming Department of Health. An estimated 40.9% have received a third dose/booster.
   • As of 03/03, St John’s Health had a 7-day average of:
     o 0.86 patients with COVID-19 in the PCU.
     o 0 patients with COVID-19 in the ICU.
   • An estimated 31.4% of patients with COVID-19 admitted in the past 30 days have been Teton County residents.
   • As of 03/02, there have been 16 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Teton County residents.

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 Recommendations
   • We understand that many people in our community feel differently today about their individual risk tolerance to COVID-19 than they did even a month ago. However, we would like to provide guidance to the community to help protect those who are the most vulnerable to severe COVID-19 disease or death, including individuals age 50+, the immunocompromised, individuals with other underlying health conditions, and the unvaccinated.
     o Please refer to the press release to learn about specific recommendations for the most vulnerable population.

3) COVID-19 Related Questions?
   • Call our COVID-19 Call Center at 307-732-8628 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday-Friday or email covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov for assistance or with any questions. Our Call Center can answer questions related to vaccines, testing, isolate and trace guidance, and or put you in contact with one of our nurses.

4) Updated and Shortened Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations
   • Click here for the 2/4/22 Isolation and Quarantine Recommendation Summary Chart in English and here for the Spanish version.

5) Isolate & Trace Update
   • Universal ‘contact tracing’ is no longer occurring.
   • The Isolate and Trace Team will prioritize calls to the following individuals who test positive:
     o May be at high risk of severe illness
     o Live or work in high-risk settings (where it is difficult to limit transmission)
     o Other vulnerable populations
   • Individuals who do not get prioritized may not receive a call from the Teton County Health Department. Please call your medical provider to let them know you have tested positive, and they may determine you are eligible for COVID specific treatments.
   • Calls from the Isolate and Trace team aim to:
     o Assist with access to care, educate on best practices, provide resources to successfully navigate isolation and quarantine, and collect information to inform Public Health Officials on COVID-19 disease burden in our community.
• Isolation is recommended for (a minimum of) 5 days from symptom onset or positive test (if no symptoms are present).
  o We encourage all individuals who test positive to notify their close contacts.
• Quarantine is recommended depending on vaccination status (see chart for recommendations)
• Guidance and recommendations for individuals who work or live in high-risk environments may be different. Please call our COVID hotline, 307-732-8628 and ask to be connected to one of our isolate and trace team members if you need assistance problem solving your unique situation.

6) Antigen Testing Information
• Starting next week, U.S. households will be able to place a total of two separate orders for free, at-home antigen rapid tests (4 tests per order – for a total of 8 free at-home tests per household).
  o Click here to order.
  o Shipments are limited to one shipment/order per address. Ships via USPS so use mailing address/PO Box.
  o No proof of insurance or identification is needed.
• Antigen tests can be purchased here in bulk and here.
• Vault is now selling Antigen tests that can be either proctored or unproctored.
  o Businesses can order antigen tests (minimum order is 10 tests) for $12 each OR businesses can order the tests AND proctoring services (for an additional $15/test) making the total kit $27/test. Minimum order is 10 tests. Results take 25-30 min.
  o Businesses that would like to access results can pay a one-time fee to set up a dashboard with Vault.
  o For more information, reach out to Todd Chan at tchan@vaulthealth.com.

7) PCR Testing Information
• PCR Testing (Curative and or Vault) is not encouraged after an initial positive test and for the subsequent 90 days.
  o Please do not require a negative PCR test for employees to return to work. As long as individuals are following the recommended guidelines for isolation they may return to work with additional precautions. Molecular tests are sensitive, and individuals may continue to test positive for a period of time after their initial infectious period. Please reserve this no cost community testing benefit for those who need it most. Some exceptions exist for retesting within the first 90-day period after testing positive. Contact the Health Department or your healthcare professional if you have questions.

CURATIVE TESTS:
• Curative Rapid Testing
  o NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED. APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.curative.com
  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 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 Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
  o Appointments encouraged www.curative.com

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

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.
• Please note:
  o In the past, vault tests used to have some blue solution in them. For some time, they have been sending the tubes without the solution - this is okay! The tests are still valid.
  o Individuals should follow directions that are on the sticker on the outside of the envelope. There are two sets of directions inside and users can get confused. Follow the outside directions! The proper website to use to go through the steps are: wyoming.vlt.co.
8) COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Immunocompromised 16+ Individuals:
- Individuals who are immunocompromised and initially received J&J are now able to get an additional dose, which can then be followed up by a booster 2 months later.
- Individuals who got J&J and are immunocompromised may have already gotten a 2nd dose; that is now their additional dose, and these individuals should come in for a booster.
- Individuals who are immunocompromised, initially received two mRNA doses and have gotten their additional dose now only need to wait 3 months (not 5 months) before getting their booster.
- See more guidance for immunocompromised individuals in the press release that went out recently.

For 12+ years:
- Vaccine Clinic has shifted locations back to the Health Department, 460 E Pearl Ave.
- Appointments are preferred. Schedule here.
  - Walk-ins accepted (regardless of dose number) from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- All individuals 12+ years should receive a booster shot when eligible:
  - Pfizer and Moderna: 5 months after completion of primary series
  - J&J: 2 months after single dose
- Mixing and matching of vaccine types for booster doses is acceptable for adults 18+ years.
- 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:
- Vaccine clinics for 5–11-year-olds remains at the Teton County Health Department, 460 E Pearl Ave
  - Mondays 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
  - 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.
  - 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:
- According to the FDA press release, the 3rd dose data will not be completed until early April.

9) Free KN95 and Surgical Masks

- Smith’s Grocery Store Pharmacy is now carrying free KN95 masks through the new White House Program.
  - Masks are distributed through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. TCHD is not participating in this distribution.
  - 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.