COVID-19 Updates and Resources – February 18, 2022

1) Current Cases and Statistics
- As we begin to move out of the emergency phase of the pandemic, Teton County Health Department has made some changes to the Teton County COVID-19 Dashboard. Though Teton County has remained in the High or Red COVID-19 Risk Level since July 2021, there have been changes that make Teton County’s COVID-19 situation different from other areas of the Country.
  o Please refer to the press release for more information on the updated Dashboard.
- 106 cases reported between 02/10 and 02/16 (7 days) for an average of 15.1 cases/day. This is a 29.3% decrease from the previous 7-day period.
- The case rate during this period was 451.8 per 100,000 population.
- Between 02/03 and 02/16 (14 days), 44.2% of interviewed cases were attributed to community spread.
- For the past two weeks, 6.49% of COVID-19 tests taken in Teton County received a positive result according to the Wyoming Department of Health.
- As of 02/14, 87.78% of Teton County residents have completed their primary vaccination series according to the Wyoming Department of Health. An estimated 40.5% have received a third dose/booster.
- As of 02/17, St. John’s Health had a 7-day average of:
  o 1.86 patients with COVID-19 in the PCU.
  o 0.86 patients with COVID-19 in the ICU.
- An estimated 27.2% of patients with COVID-19 admitted to St. John’s Health in the past 30 days have been 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 recent press release to learn about specific recommendations for the most vulnerable population.
- Recommendation #12 is still 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.

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
- Teton County Health Department’s (TCSD) Isolate & Trace Team is prioritizing calling cases who may be at high risk of severe illness including, those in certain high-risk settings (where it is difficult to limit transmission, eg. congregate settings) and other vulnerable populations.
  o We encourage all individuals to contact their health care provider immediately for possible treatment options.
  o 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.
- 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 again if symptoms begin AFTER a positive test. Day 0 would become when symptom onset begins.
  - 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.

6) Testing Updates
- Please note all three Curative locations will be closed on Monday, February 21st.
- PCR testing (ex. Curative, Vault) is not encouraged after an initial positive test and for the subsequent 90 days.
  - 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.
- Antigen Testing
  - 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 flyers.
  - Antigen tests can be purchased here in bulk and here.
  - Vault is now selling Antigen tests that can be either proctored or unproctored.
    - 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.
    - Businesses that would like to access results can pay a one-time fee to set up a dashboard with Vault.
    - For more information, reach out to Todd Chan at tchan@vaulthealth.com.
- Curative Rapid Testing
  - NO WALK-UPS ALLOWED. APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.curative.com
  - 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.
  - Please check the curative site frequently, as appointments are cancelled, appointments become available.
  - Only for 5 years old and older
  - Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target/Kmart Plaza next to Subway.
  - Hours: Mondays-Fridays, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Saturdays 9 AM – 1 PM
  - CLOSED: Monday, February 21st
- Stilson Lot Curative Kiosk
  - Monday through Friday
  - 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
  - Appointments encouraged www.curative.com
  - CLOSED: Monday, February 21st
- Teton County Library Curative Kiosk
  - Monday through Friday
  - 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
  - Appointments encouraged www.curative.com
  - CLOSED: Monday, February 21st

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.
- Please note:
  - 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.
7) 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 then can 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 this week.

For 12+ years:

- This week the 12+ vaccine clinic will be on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. No clinic on Thursday.
  - Walk-ins accepted (regardless of dose number) from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
  - Appointments preferred, schedule here.
- Wednesday, February 23rd is the last day of clinic for 12+ until March 1st. On March 1st, the clinic will return to Teton County Health Department.
- 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.
- 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
  - Mondays 3:00 PM – 7:00 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:

- Current timeline for vaccines for under 5 years of age is more like mid-April now.
- The FDA Advisory Panel was going to meet on February 15th, but they announced on February 11th that the meeting will be postponed in order to get more data on the 3rd dose.
- According to the FDA press release, the 3rd dose data will not be completed until early April.

8) 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.