COVID-19 Updates and Resources – Friday, April 22, 2022

Due to staffing vacancies, these COVID updates will be sent bi-weekly and will not contain statistics on COVID-19 in Teton County, WY for the time being. For additional information please visit the following sources:

- Wyoming Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard
- CDC Community Levels
- St. John’s Health

Based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated framework for how the COVID-19 risk levels are determined for each community, Teton County’s current risk level is Low (Green).

1) Antigen Testing Information
   - U.S. households can place two separate orders for the free at-home rapid antigen COVID-19 tests (4 tests per order – for a total of 8 free at-home tests per household).
     - Click here to order your free antigen tests.
     - Individuals can use their at-home antigen tests for travel with iHealth. This is a verified COVID-19 testing service for $24.99 that allows you to conduct a virtual meeting with an iHealth proctor and a digital report will be issued upon completion of the test. You can show your testing certificate to the airline, board, and have a nice flight home.
   - Individuals who purchase over the counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests can seek reimbursement from their group health plan or health insurance issuer and have insurance cover the cost during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
   - Tested positive for COVID-19 with an At Home Antigen Test and need documentation? Please click here to fill out the short survey. Once submitted, the Wyoming Department of Health will email you documentation.

2) PCR COVID Testing Information
   - CURATIVE TESTS:
     - Curative Rapid Testing
       - As of Friday, March 18th Curative Rapid Testing Center has switched to a new testing platform called Abbot ID NOW that allows kids under 5 to get rapid tested.
         - Abbot ID NOW is a rapid molecular test - NAAT
         - Results are received within 2 hours
       - Appointments encouraged and can be made at www.curative.com
       - Located at 520 S. Highway in the Target Plaza next to Subway.
       - Hours of operation:
         - Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
         - Saturdays, 9 AM – 1 PM
     - Teton County Library Curative Kiosk
       - Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM
       - Appointments encouraged and can be made at 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 the blue cooler.
3) COVID-19 Vaccine Update
For All Ages:
- Vaccine Clinics for all ages are located at the Teton County Health Department, 460 E Pearl Ave.
- Can’t make your scheduled appointment? Cancel here.
- If your preferred appointment time is not available, please check with Albertsons or Smith’s Pharmacy.

For 12+ years:
- Appointments are preferred. Schedule here.
  - Tuesdays through Thursdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
  - Walk-ins only accepted for 1st doses, no walk-ins for booster shots.
- Following FDA’s regulatory action on March 29, 2022, CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. This action applies only to the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. Please visit this link to read the press release in its entirety.
  - Separately and in addition, based on newly published data, adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- The CDC has updated its guidance on the interval between 1st and 2nd doses of mRNA vaccine, extending it to 8 weeks for certain populations.
  - Specifically, people ages 12 through 64 years who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised - and particularly males ages 12 through 39 years - may benefit from getting their second mRNA COVID-19 vaccine dose up to 8 weeks after their first dose, instead of after 3-4 weeks.
  - The interval between the first and second mRNA doses should not be extended for those individuals who are 65 years of age or older, for individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, or for others who may need early protection due to concern about increased risk of severe illness form COVID-19 or high levels of community transmission.

For Children 5-11 Years Old:
- Appointments are required and can be made here or by calling our Call Center at 307-732-8628.
  - Mondays 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
  - Note: clinic will be closed on Monday, April 25
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.

4) Isolate & Trace Update
- The Teton County Health Department continues to call individuals who test positive as resources allow.
- Isolation is still recommended for all individuals who test positive (See chart- English and Spanish).
  - We encourage all individuals who test positive to notify their close contacts.
- PCR testing is not encouraged after an initial positive test, and for the next 90 days (some exceptions).
- Quarantine is still recommended depending on vaccination status (See chart- English and Spanish).
- Testing for all close contacts is recommended, regardless of vaccination status, on day 5 after the last day of contact (unless the individual has tested positive in the previous 90 days).
- Individuals who work in health care should talk to their employer about return-to-work policies following a positive test or exposure. The TCHD provides information to individuals based on their community responsibilities.
- Documentation for isolation and quarantine may be found here (English/Spanish).
- CDC’s new COVID-19 Quarantine, and Isolation calculator takes the stress out of deciding when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask. This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC’s Quarantine and Isolation guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.
5) International Travel Testing Information

- Individuals who have iHEALTH antigen tests (the free ones provided by the Federal Government and ordered online) are now able to book a $25 telehealth appointment to have the test proctored, which then qualifies it as an allowable test to reenter the United States after international travel.
  - Please note: the video call/test appointment cannot be conducted on a smartphone. It requires the use of a laptop or desktop computer.
  - Appointments are available 7 days a week and can be booked here.
  - Learn more here.
  - English and Spanish infographic.
- We are getting more reports and requests of individuals needing their test result verified or signed by an MD for their upcoming travels. Teton County Health Department does NOT do this signing/verifying.
  - We refer individuals to their primary care provider for verification, or they can utilize one of the private testing services (Nurse Georgie Health, House Call Hydration, Drip Hydration) whose test results automatically include this. See info and prices on our travel testing website.

6) 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.
  - Please refer to the press release to learn about specific recommendations for the most vulnerable population.

7) Face Mask Use on Public Transportation

- On April 18, a court ruling voided the federal requirement that people wear masks on public transportation. This has led some airlines, airports, and transit systems to lift their requirement that passengers or employees wear masks, while other airlines and systems are keeping those requirements in place. Check with your airline or local carrier for their current mask policy. The CDC is still recommending that people wear masks on public transportation and while flying. Learn more here.

8) 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.