

## COVID-19 Resources and Health Order Updates – February 26, 2021

**Keep a lid on it!**



*Congratulations to the business community for getting through the busy Holiday season and the last few COVID spikes we have had! Even though we are now in the Yellow Low Risk Level (hooray!), please stay diligent with symptom monitoring, mask wearing, surveillance testing, rapid isolation of sick individuals and quarantine of exposed individuals, as **we want to keep a lid on it!***

- 1) We are in the **Yellow (Low) Risk Level!** HOORAY! We still have a ways to go before we reach our Green (New Normal) Risk Level, so let's keep working at it.
  - Read our [recommendations](#) on what to do when we are in the Yellow Risk Level.
    - These include space out at work, gather safely, avoid crowded spaces, travel with caution and limit group size when socializing. Please continue to wear masks, maintain at least six feet of distance, stay home when sick and wash your hands frequently.
  - Learn how we determine this risk level, view our [metrics page](#).
- 2) **Updated Statistics:**
  - Between February 12, 2021 and February 25, 2021 Teton County detected 81 new cases. This is a 55% decrease from the previous two weeks, during which time 181 cases were detected. The percent of recent COVID-19 tests that were positive has also decreased to approximately 3.1%.
  - 40% of cases during this time period have been due to community spread.
  - As of 2/26/2021, there were 88 known active cases in Teton County. Statistics overview can be found [here](#).
  - *When asked about the improvements, Teton County Health Department Epidemiologist, Shane Yu, MPH, expressed his excitement but also urged caution: "It has been great to see that the community's efforts have been working and that the COVID situation in Teton County continues to improve. Our community deserves to feel proud of our progress. However, I urge everyone to stay the course and continue taking precautions. I know it's difficult after such a long time living with this pandemic, but we need to keep working to protect ourselves and our neighbors. We've seen in the past how quickly this progress can disappear if we're not careful."*
- 3) **[Health Orders and Recommendations:](#)**
  - **Statewide Health Orders**
    - **In effect Monday, March 1, 2021 through Monday, March 15, 2021**
    - **To view the Summary of the Changes, [click here](#).**
      1. The [22<sup>nd</sup> Continuation of Order #1](#): Conditions of operation for establishments including bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, childcare facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools.
      2. [The 22<sup>nd</sup> Continuation of Order #2](#): Gathering size limitations.
      3. [The 4<sup>th</sup> Continuation of Order #4](#): Requires face coverings in certain places, with exceptions, throughout the State of Wyoming.
    - *Order #3 has been discontinued; however, the Statewide Mask Order is still in effect for businesses formerly covered by Order #3.*
  - [Federal Mask Mandate](#) for federal buildings and federal lands. Learn more [here](#).
  - [Masks Mandate on Public Transportation](#)

- 4) **Surveillance testing** is still very important since it catches asymptomatic positives and can decrease the spread of COVID-19 within your business. If you have [Vault tests](#) on hand, use them. If you want to sign up for [Curative](#) Surveillance Testing, click [here](#). If your business is already signed up, please encourage your staff to get tested when offered the opportunity.
- 5) Teton County Health Department recommends 14-day quarantine periods from last day of close contacts, especially for household contacts.
  - Restrictions apply for shortened quarantine options.
    - Any symptoms, even mild, **will not** be allowed to follow a shortened quarantine.
    - Regular symptom checking of all employees is advised (with or without a known exposure) and is essential for those returning to work under shortened quarantine for the remaining 14-days.
    - For earliest return at day 8, a negative test result (with sample collected at the appropriate time - on or after day 5) is necessary.
    - Tracking employees last date of exposure, test date and result is advised.
    - Under no circumstances can someone return earlier than day 8 from last exposure.
  - Learn more about [quarantine strategies](#).
- 6) Due to the detection of the B.1.1.7 lineage variant here in Teton County and resulting potential for further increase in transmission, we must be even more mindful of basic preventative measures: wearing masks, spacing out, gathering only with our household groups, washing our hands, and staying home when sick.
- 7) The Teton County Health Department and St. John's health are partnering on the [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), an every-three-year initiative designed to improve the health and quality of life for Teton County residents. Designed for Teton County residents, the five-minute survey is available online in English by [clicking here](#) and in Spanish by [clicking here](#). **These surveys will be open from February 1 through March 15.** Community input is extremely important in identifying public health needs. If you could help spread the word about completing the survey, that would be a tremendous help!
- 8) **Stay in the Know:**
  - Hear a series of vaccine updates at the **Economic Recovery Task Force Meeting** hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-11am. [Email Rick Howe](#) to sign up for the zoom meeting.
  - [Community COVID Update](#): Every other Friday. Next meeting is Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.
  - Questions about the **COVID-19 Vaccine**? Check out our [vaccine webpage](#) or email your questions to [covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov](mailto:covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov).
  - Subscribe to the [Shred the Spread Newsletter](#) to see the latest stats, resources, and more. Stay informed and help #ShredtheSpread of COVID-19.
  - Sign up for **weekly COVID-19 updates** through Nixle Text TC\_COVID to 888777. Envíe TC\_COVID 888777 y resonda ESP.
- 9) **Resources:**
  - [Contact tracing steps](#) for your business
  - Update to [quarantine recommendations](#)
  - What to do [while waiting for test results](#)?
  - Has someone been [exposed](#) to COVID-19?
  - Has someone [tested positive](#) to COVID-19?
  - COVID-19 [testing options](#) for individuals and businesses
  - Questions? Call (307) 732-8537 or email [Ashley.cassat@wyo.gov](mailto:Ashley.cassat@wyo.gov)