

COVID-19 Resources and Health Order Updates – March 12, 2021



- 1) We have moved back up into the **Orange (Moderate) Risk Level** due to increase in case numbers.
 - *Teton County Health Department Epidemiologist, Shane Yu, MPH, explained, “We can’t say definitively what has caused the trend in case numbers to change direction, but several factors could be contributing. As case numbers began to decrease and vaccine distribution got going, people may have felt more comfortable easing up on some COVID precautions. It is also possible that the more transmissible variants are starting to play a larger role in local spread. We’re all hopeful this pandemic can be over soon, but for now we are asking everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to continue to practice the familiar COVID-19 precautions. We have to remember that the variants are spreading across the nation and many people have yet to be fully vaccinated. Please practice proper masking and distancing measures when out in public and exercise particular caution around those who are not fully vaccinated and those who are at higher risk for complications from COVID-19.”*
- 2) **Updated Statistics:**
 - Between March 5, 2021 and March 11, 2021 Teton County detected 57 new cases. New cases in the past week have increased by 96%.
 - The percent of recent COVID-19 tests that were positive has also increased to approximately 3.3%.
 - 58% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
 - As of 3/11/2021, there were 85 known active cases in Teton County.
 - [Statistics overview](#)
 - Hear from Teton County Health Department’s Epidemiologist in our **Behind the Graph Videos:**
 - Learn about [metrics and how they determine our risk level](#)
 - Learn about [community spread](#)
 - Learn all about [COVID-19 Variants](#)
- 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 [22nd 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 22nd Continuation of Order #2](#): Gathering size limitations.
 3. [The 4th Continuation of Order #4](#): Requires face coverings in certain places, with exceptions, throughout the State of Wyoming.
 - **New Statewide Health Orders will be in effect Tuesday, March 16th**
 - Order #4 Statewide Mask Mandate will not be continued; **however Teton County will have a local mask order in place starting on Tuesday, March 16th**. Check our [orders page](#) for more details.
 - [Federal Mask Mandate](#) for federal buildings and federal lands. Learn more [here](#).
 - [Masks Mandate on Public Transportation](#)

4) COVID-19 Vaccine Update:

- **Registration is now open for Phase 1c**
 - This includes the following individuals:
 - In the higher risk population-based groups (including individuals 50-64 year old) or
 - **Essential critical infrastructure workforce (including restaurant, kitchen and food prep staff; retail; gyms; hotel staff; hardware stores; theaters; construction; taxi drivers)**
 - If your business qualifies or you have employees within the age range, please forward the link to your employees so they can register themselves.
 - We will use this information to allocate appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals will be randomly selected from the registration list weekly depending on vaccine availability.
- Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 option 1 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday to get assistance or you can email covidvax@tetoncountyywy.gov if you have questions about qualifying.
- For community members who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine please continue to follow our preventative measures, wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet from others, frequently washing hands, and staying home when sick. When out in public, exercise caution around those who are not fully vaccinated and those who are at higher risk for complications for COVID-19. At this time a bigger percentage of our community needs to be vaccinated in order to reach herd immunity for COVID-19.

5) Fully Vaccinated Persons and Quarantine Policy:

The Wyoming Department of Health has adopted the CDC's recommendations for fully vaccinated persons to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19. The new guidance can be found on this [page](#).

The following applies to non-healthcare workers only:

- Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet **all** of the following criteria:
 - Are fully vaccinated (it has been at least 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or at least 2 weeks following receipt of 1 dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine
 - Have **remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure**
- Individuals who meet the above criteria should still monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days after exposure and isolate and seek medical attention if symptoms develop.
- **If the vaccinated person begins to have symptoms, they must quarantine/isolate, test and seek medical attention.**
- Vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following [CDC travel guidance](#), and following any applicable workplace or school guidance, including guidance related to personal protective equipment use or SARS-CoV-2 testing.

6) **Volunteer Opportunities:** Interested in volunteering with the Teton County Health Department as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign? Sign up by filling out our [Volunteer Interest Form](#).

7) Stay in the Know:

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A:** Join us virtually on Wednesday, March 17th at 6pm. Tune in on the [Teton County Health Department Facebook page](#) where we will be discussing myths and misconceptions around the vaccine and answer your questions!
- **Community COVID Update:** Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19th at 12pm. Click [here](#) to watch it live or recorded.
- Questions about the **COVID-19 Vaccine**? Check out our [vaccine webpage](#) or email your questions to covidvax@tetoncountyywy.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.

8) 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