

COVID-19 Updates and Resources – July 30, 2021



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New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics:

- Confirmed COVID-19 cases continue to increase this week compared to last week with transmission (community spread) on the rise. Impact to our hospital capacity has decreased, keeping Teton County in [Yellow/ Low Risk](#) again this week. However, we are on the cusp of orange. Any increase in one of the metrics will push us into orange next week.
 - View the breakdown of the [8 metrics](#) that determine Teton County's overall COVID risk.
- Between July 15, 2021 and July 29, 2021 Teton County detected 54 new cases. This is a 68.8% increase from the previous two-week period.
- 4.57% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
- 61% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
- As of 7/29/2021 there were 44 known active cases in Teton County.
- The [Dashboard](#) has been transitioned to the Health Department and we are updating it twice weekly.

2) Important Updates:

- **Masking in indoor places**
 - Teton County health Department encourages all residents, workers, and visitors to wear masks in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. This recommendation is based on new guidance provides by the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), which follows the CDC's change to mask wearing for vaccinated individuals. Read the [press release](#) to learn more.
- **Updated close contact/exposure protocol:**
 - CDC now recommends fully vaccinated people to test 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-10 and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result (regardless if the vaccinated/exposed individual has symptoms). Quarantine until negative test is received. Isolate if test is positive.

3) Please continue to...

- Ask staff to please respond to the Health Department if we call about a known exposure.
- **Encourage all staff that are sick or have any symptoms to test, regardless of vaccine status. The only way to know if it is just a cold or allergies is to test. In addition, please encourage regular surveillance testing especially for your unvaccinated staff.**
 - If you need more vault tests to have on hand at your place of business or to send home with employees, please fill out this [google form](#) and we can fulfill your request.
- Encourage your unvaccinated staff to get vaccinated.
 - *Remind them that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and significantly reduce not only the risk of getting COVID-19 but also the chance of spreading it to others. They are also proven to reduce severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.*
- Allow employees to get vaccinated during their work hours and or provide additional sick time if they develop symptoms.
- Contact us if you want to talk about supporting vaccinating amongst your staff - we are ready and eager to help you!
- Please consider re-implementing some COVID-19 mitigation strategies that you may have had in place a few months back (distancing, masks, sanitation, etc.). Now is the time to be extra diligent.

Existing Information:

1) COVID-19 Vaccine Update:

- Vaccines are available for all individuals 12 years and older.

- The **Teton Health Department's Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** is hitting the road!
 - If you are a business, non-profit, or special event and want to request the Vaccine Bus, please fill out our [Pop-Up Clinic Request Form](#).
 - Click [here](#) for more information.
- Vaccine clinics are held at the Teton County Health Department (460 East Pearl Ave.
 - [Book an appointment](#) or walk-in any time *except for* the last 30 minutes of the day.
 - Clinics will be held:
 - Wednesdays from 3PM-7PM
 - Thursdays from 8:30AM-12:00 PM and 1:00PM-3:30PM
 - Fridays from 8:30AM- 12:00PM and 1:00PM-5:30PM
 - The last Saturday of the month only - July 31st from 8:30AM-12:30PM
- For ongoing and general clinic information, visit www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax for frequent updates.
- Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday to get assistance or you can email covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov if you have questions.
- Community members can also book vaccine appointments at [Albertsons](#) and [Smith's Pharmacies](#).
 - Both Pharmacies have the Moderna Vaccine and can accommodate both 1st and 2nd doses.
 - Smith's also carries J&J Vaccine – currently offering on Thursdays and Fridays but is subject to change.

4) Testing Update and Resources:

- **WHEN TO TEST?**
 - **If you have symptoms (vaccinated or not) – test immediately. This includes cold-like symptoms!** Individuals should leave work and isolate from others until they receive negative results (see below if exposed).
 - If exposed to someone who tested positive (you are likely to hear from Public Health):
 - **FULLY VACCINATED** (>2 weeks after last recommended dose): Test 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. Quarantine until negative test result received. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Isolate if test is positive.
 - **NOT FULLY VACCINATED:** Quarantine and test at appropriate time (immediate if symptomatic; no earlier than day 5 if asymptomatic). Monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- **FREE CURATIVE TESTS:**
 - Curative has shifted tests to a **shallow nasal swab**.
 - Kiosk Locations:
 - Teton County Library Parking Lot (open from Monday through Friday 8AM – 3:30PM)
 - **NEW LOCATION AND TIME:** Jackson Home Ranch Welcome Center Parking Lot (open from Monday through Friday 7:30AM - 3PM)
 - Walk-ins welcome or make your appointment on curative.com.
 - Print and post the **updated 7.2.21 Curative Testing Flyer** in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to promote free COVID-19 testing for both locals and visitors. Reach out if you would like to request copies.
- **FREE VAULT SALIVA TESTS:**
 - Vault tests are still available to order for free for [individuals](#) and [businesses](#).
 - Also available to pick up outside the Teton County Health Department and or order directly through us.
- **SURVEILLANCE TESTING:**
 - Surveillance testing is encouraged regardless of vaccine status, however it is especially important for those that are unvaccinated and those who work closely with travelers, vulnerable populations, and those who work in communal living environments.
 - Individuals *may* test if fully vaccinated. Being vaccinated will not affect your results.
 - **We ask that if you are interested, please re-enroll by filling out the new [Business Surveillance Testing Sign-Up Form](#). We have sunsetted our previous list on July 1st.**
 - You may fill out the form for each employee yourself or give to your employee directly.
 - If you are new to surveillance testing and would like more information please email covid-testing@tetoncountywy.gov or check out our website [Business Surveillance Testing](#).

5) [Health Orders and Recommendations:](#)

- **Statewide Health Orders**
 - There are no Statewide Health Orders currently in place.
- **Face Covering Order/Mask Updates**
 - Teton County Health Department recommends community members to continue to follow the [CDC's guidance for mask usage](#).
 - [Federal Mask Mandate](#) for federal buildings and federal lands.
 - CDC has a Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).
 - [TSA Security Directive for Airports/Airplanes](#) which is valid through September 13, 2021.