

## COVID-19 Updates and Resources – August 27, 2021



### New Information:

#### 1) Current Cases and Statistics:

- Confirmed COVID-19 cases have continued to increase this week with transmission on the rise again. As such, we remain in **RED (HIGH) RISK LEVEL**.
- Between August 10, 2021 and August 24, 2021 Teton County detected 260 new resident cases out of a total 332. This increase in resident cases is a 106.3% increase from the previous two-week period.
- 6.91% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
- 53.6% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
- As of 8/24/2021, there were 181 known active cases in Teton County.
- 10 COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the last 2 weeks.
- In Red, the [Dashboard](#) will be updated 4x weekly Tuesday through Friday as data is available.
- To learn more about our updated transmission metric system, read our [press release](#) and view the [metrics website](#).
- Print and post the [All Risk Level Infographic](#).

#### 2) New Teton County Face Covering Order:

- [Public Health Order #21-5](#) requiring individuals within Teton County, Wyoming to wear face coverings in certain places, with exceptions went into effect on August 26, 2021 and will remain in effect through September 4, 2021, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners or Town Council.
  - Required while in line or inside any business entity that employs or engages workers or volunteers, while in a healthcare facility, riding on public transportation or taxi and while in school.
  - All businesses must post notices stating that Face Coverings are required in a clearly visible location at or near the entrance of the business.
  - Multiple exceptions to the [order](#) (not required for children under 3, not required once the individual has been seated at a dining establishment, medical conditions, etc.)
- Free surgical masks available at the JH Chamber of Commerce. Just stop by! 260 W Broadway, Suite A, 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm.
- [Mask signage options](#)

#### 3) Updates on COVID-19 Vaccine:

- On 8/23, the FDA fully approved the Pfizer vaccine (now called Comirnaty) for individuals 16+ years of age. Pfizer is still authorized for individuals 12-15 years and additional doses for individuals with moderate to severe immunocompromised conditions under Emergency Use Authorization.
- On 8/25, Moderna submitted information to the FDA for full approval for individuals 18+ years, as well as information for Emergency Use Authorization for individuals 12-17 – there is no current timeline for when approval/authorization may be awarded.

#### 4) Community COVID-19 Update

- Scheduled for Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12pm. Tune in on KHOL or [online](#).

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## Existing Information:

### 1) Please continue to...

- Encourage your employees to cooperate with Teton County Health Department employees.
- 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.

### 2) Contact Tracing Decision-Tree Flow Chart

- To help navigate an exposure in the workplace, please take a look at the [updated contact tracing flow chart](#). These documents are meant to be used as a guide to help you determine who is and who is not a close contact and action steps for those individuals.
  - All cases will be contacted. When we have a surge like we are experiencing right now, contacts may not be called but information will be made available to the case or the employer to share with the contacts.

### 3) COVID-19 Vaccine Info:

- Vaccines are available for all individuals 12 years and older.
- As of 8/13/21, additional doses for individuals with moderate/severe immunocompromised conditions are authorized by the FDA, CDC, and the WY Dept. of Health. TCHD began administering these on 8/18. [Visit our website](#) for the complete list of eligible individuals.
- Booster shots are **not** currently authorized by the FDA or the CDC - we are unable to fulfill any requests from individuals to give them any additional vaccine if they are already fully vaccinated.
  - We are closely following national news about potential upcoming changes regarding boosters and access for all. If and when the public is approved for a booster dose, we will adjust our programming and clinics accordingly.
  - Right now, it looks like this could be happening sometime around September 20th. However, individuals will have to wait until 8 months after having received their 2nd dose before getting a booster.
  - This timeline/order will look similar to the rollout of initial vaccines in winter 2020.
- Walk-ins are currently **not accepted** so that we can most efficiently serve the increased demand for vaccines: [please make an appointment online](#).
  - **Clinics are** held at the Teton County Health Department (460 East Pearl Ave.)
  - Updated vaccine clinic times:
    - Wednesday 10am-7pm
    - Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm
    - Friday 8:30am-5:30pm
    - Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm
- 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.
- For ongoing and general clinic information, visit [www.tetoncountywy.gov/covidvax](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

### 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):
      - a. SYMPTOMATIC? Test immediately. Quarantine until results received. Isolate if positive.

- b. NO SYMPTOMS? Test 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Wear a mask in all indoor settings for 14 days or until negative test result. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Isolate if test is positive.
    - **NOT FULLY VACCINATED:** Quarantine and test at appropriate time (immediately 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)
    - 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](https://www.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 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - 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](mailto:covid-testing@tetoncountywy.gov) or check out our website [Business Surveillance Testing](#).