

COVID-19 Updates and Resources – September 17, 2021



New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics:

- We remain in **RED (HIGH) RISK LEVEL** and are seeing a flattening of the number of new cases. While encouraging, it remains vital that we continue with vaccination, masking, testing, and social distancing to continue pushing this trend downward.
- Between August 31, 2021 and September 14, 2021 Teton County detected 227 new resident cases out of a total 277 reported cases. This change in resident cases is a 30.6% decrease from the previous two-week period.
- 6.68% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
- 46.5% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
- Between 9/7-9/14, St. John's reported an average of 69.1% overall occupancy and ICU 54.9% occupancy. There has been an average of 5.7 PCU COVID+ patients and 1.43 ICU/Transfers COVID+ patient per day.
- As of 9/17/2021, there were 150 known active cases in Teton County.
- 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) Updates on COVID-19 Vaccine:

- **BOOSTERS:**
 - The FDA is meeting today, September 17, to discuss booster vaccines and potential eligible populations. Pending the results of the FDA meeting, the ACIP (CDC's Independent Immunization Advisory Panel) is scheduled to meet on Wed-Thurs Sept 22-23 to make recommendations and authorizations.
 - If there are boosters authorized by both of these entities, it must *then* go through the WY Department of Health. *Only after* all 3 entities have granted approval is TCHD able to administer vaccines to individuals meeting the established criteria.
 - We do not know what exactly this criteria will be. We will have many more answers in a week! We continue to monitor progress and will adjust our programming and clinic operations accordingly.
 - However, an additional dose is available for individuals who have certain immunocompromised conditions. [Visit our website](#) for the complete list of eligible individuals.
- **5-11 YEAR OLDS:**
 - Pfizer will soon have enough safety data from clinical trials to submit for EUA authorization to the FDA, which could potentially at the end of September. The FDA and ACIP then must respond within 3 weeks to the submission. This timeline is very tentative but could indicate authorization for this age group in mid to late October.
 - Currently timelines for Moderna indicate closer to the end of the 2021 calendar year.

3) Flu Shots:

- Flu shots are currently available at pharmacies, St. John's Health offices, and independent providers around town.
- Flu shots at the TCHD are available beginning September 22th for individuals 12 years and older. To reserve your appointment, [click here](#).

- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be given at the same time and appointment.
- To make an appointment for someone under 12 years old, please call 307-733-6401 and speak to our front desk to schedule.

4) Resources for employees out of work due to COVID:

- Individuals who are out of work due to COVID can apply for unemployment by calling the Jackson Workforce Center (307) 733-4091. Please don't have them go in-person if they are currently on quarantine or isolation. Each unemployment application is evaluated as to whether they are eligible based on UI requirements.
- If someone contracts COVID-19 while at work, they can file a Workers Compensation Claim. They would need to go to the [Department of Workforce Services Website](#) and click on the Wyoming Report of Injury form and complete that.
- They cannot file for both unemployment and Workers Compensation.

5) Reminder:

- Close contact to a positive case is defined as 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more, whether you are unmasked/masked and or inside/outside. (Exception is in K-12 schools where both students are masked). BUT by wearing a mask you are protecting yourself and neighbors from getting sick from COVID and reducing COVID-related hospitalizations and overburdening our healthcare system.

Existing Information:

1) 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 **has been extended through December 31, 2021.**
 - **Masks will be required when the County risk level is Red (high) or Orange (moderate).** If the risk level decreases to Yellow (low) or Green (new normal), masks will not be required. The community will be notified when the County's risk level moves to Yellow.
 - Notices to changes in the mask mandate, along with weekly updates are sent out via text message through Nixle. [Sign up here](#) or text 83001 to 888777.
- To view the signed Health Order that applies within Jackson City limits, [click here](#).
- To view the signed Health Order that applies in the unincorporated area of Teton County, [click here](#).
- 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](#)

2) Contact Tracing Decision-Tree Flow Chart

- To help navigate an exposure in the workplace, please take a look at the [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.
- 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.
- 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 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 sometimes has J&J vaccine – check online or give them a call to confirm if you are interested.

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 in a cooler.
- **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](#).