

COVID-19 Updates and Resources – October 22, 2021

New Information:

1) Current Cases and Statistics:

- This week Teton County remains in **RED (HIGH) RISK LEVEL**.
- For the last 7 days, Teton County new cases are 326.5 cases per 100,000 population. Teton County's COVID curve is on the rise, both new case rate and percent test positivity are trending upward.
- 4.06% of COVID-19 tests in the past two weeks were positive.
- Between October 11, 2021 and October 18, 2021 (7 days) 90 cases were detected. 76 of these cases were from people who live in Teton County. 14 cases were from visitors, workers who live in surrounding communities, and other non-Teton County cases who tested in Teton County.
Note: we have adjusted reporting to the last 7 days to align with new case rate reporting.
- 60.1% of cases in the past two weeks have been due to community spread.
- As of 10/19/21, there were 67 known active cases in Teton County.
- Between 10/6 – 10/20, St. John's reported an average of 66.1% overall occupancy and ICU 54.9% occupancy. There has been an average of 4.1 PCU COVID+ patients and 2.1 ICU/Transfers COVID+ patient per day.
- Statewide, WY reported 56 new COVID-related deaths on 10/19; one of these are amongst Teton County's population. From Oct 4-19, WY has reported 140 COVID-related deaths.
- 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) COVID-19 Vaccine Updates:

- **MODERNA BOOSTER**
 - Moderna COVID-19 vaccine boosters are **now** authorized for certain individuals at least 6 months after their second dose.
 - These groups are the same as those for a Pfizer booster dose:
 - Individuals 65 years of age and older,
 - Individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19, and
 - Individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19.
- **J&J BOOSTER**
 - J&J vaccine boosters are **now** authorized to **ALL** recipients of J&J, at least 2 months after their initial dose. This is slightly different from Pfizer and Moderna.
- **Mixing Vaccine Types**
 - The CDC approved a "mix and match" approach for booster doses, which means people may receive COVID-19 booster doses produced by a different company than what they were given earlier. For example, those who previously received the one-dose J&J vaccine may choose a booster dose of either a Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Vaccine for 5-11 Year Olds**
 - On October 26th, the FDA Advisory Committee will meet to review authorization for Pfizer vaccines for 5-11 year olds. Then on Nov 2-3rd, the CDC Advisory Committee will meet.
- **For more information and specifics, please read the [10/22/21 press release](#).**

Existing Information:

1) 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.

2) **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.

3) **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](#)

3) **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.

4) **COVID-19 Vaccine Info:**

- **The COVID vaccine clinic is being held at the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.**
- Walk-ins are currently **not accepted** so that we can most efficiently serve the increased demand for vaccines: [please make an appointment online](#).
 - Wednesdays 8:30am-12pm; 1-5pm
 - Thursdays 10am-1:30pm; 2:30pm-7pm
 - Fridays 8:30am-12pm; 1-4pm
 - Saturdays 8:30am-12pm; 1-4pm
- Vaccines are available for all individuals 12 years and older.
- Individuals who are immunocompromised and received their 1st and 2nd dose of either the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible to receive an additional dose (3rd full dose) of the same vaccine type based on the CDC recommendation made on August 13, 2021.
- As a reminder, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster was approved by the CDC on September 23rd, 2021 for the following groups:
 - Individuals 65 years of age and older,
 - Individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19, and
 - Individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19.
- 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.
- Print and post these COVID Vaccine flyers in your breakroom - [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- 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.

5) **Flu Shots:**

- **Flu Shots** are available with an appointment at the **Teton County Health Department**.
 - Thursdays 10am-7pm
 - Fridays 8:30am-5:30pm
- [Make an appointment at this link](#) for either the Health Department Flu Clinic or the flu-a-palooza!
- Flu shots are also available at pharmacies, St. John's Health offices and independent providers around town.
- Print and post these Flu Vaccine flyers in your breakroom - [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

6) 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](#).