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**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN MCPHERSON COUNTY**

McPherson County Health Department will be reporting case updates on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, beginning January 5, 2021.

MCHD recommends McPherson County remains in Phase 2 reopening plans through January 25, 2021. Delaying moving to Phase 3 comes after careful consideration of hospitalization rates and while the testing positivity rate has decreased, it still remains high. These plans can be found on the McPherson County website, [mcpersoncountyks.us](http://mcpersoncountyks.us).

COVID-19 Vaccine distribution is regulated at the federal and state level. There is little to no warning of when doses may be received at local health departments at this time. There is a statewide COVID-19 vaccination plan available on the KDHE COVID-19 website, [coronavirus.kdheks.gov](http://coronavirus.kdheks.gov). There is also a graphic available that explains the anticipated vaccination availability schedule for Kansas on the KDHE COVID-19 website, under "Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan." MCHD will reach out to providers and entities as more information becomes available and as Kansas progresses through the vaccination phases. We do not know at this time if it will be readily available for the general public at MCHD, hospitals or doctor offices. Please continue to have patience with us as more information is passed down through the state. We do not have any control of when doses arrive or who they are prioritized for at this time and as soon as information is available, MCHD will make it public.

KDHE and MCHD continue to mandate a 10-day quarantine for Kansans if you have done any of the following:

- Attended/traveled to a mass gathering event out-of-state of 500 people or greater where individuals did not 6-foot distance and wear masks
- Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise

MCHD reports 2796 total cases of COVID-19 in McPherson County. 1546 of the total cases have now met recovery guidelines or have passed away. There are 18 current hospitalizations and 48 deaths.

- New cases since last public release: 66
- Asymptomatic: 61
- Unknown exposure: 1306
- Cases 60 years old and above: 885
- Cases 50-59 years old: 387
- Cases 40-49 years old: 355
- Cases 30-39 years old: 344
- Cases 18-29 years old: 560
- Cases under 18 years old: 265
- Female cases: 1479
- Male cases: 1317
- Total hospitalizations: 110
- Total ventilated cases: 15
- Deaths: 48
  - Male: 86, 90, 96, 78, 90, 81, 66, 39, 91, 92, 52, 80, 30, 72, 82, 88, 85, 77, 89, 82, 78, 64, 85, 86, 48, 87, 92, 61, 85, 80, 81, 61
  - Female: 92, 89, 94, 66, 82, 91, 84, 90, 89, 81, 62, 83, 62, 98, 81, 84

DATE	# OF NEW POSITIVE REPORTED TO MCHD	# OF TESTED	% POSITIVE
6/19/20 TO 7/12/20	22	449	4.89
7/16/20 TO 7/26/20	30	312	9.61
7/27/20 TO 8/9/20	32	311	10.28
8/10/20 TO 8/23/20	20	282	7.09
8/24/20 TO 9/6/20	38	321	11.83
9/7/20 TO 9/20/20	38	419	9.06
9/21/20 TO 10/4/20	21	394	5.32
10/5/20 TO 10/18/20	62	446	13.9
10/19/20 TO 11/1/20	184	575	32.0
11/2/20 TO 11/15/20	521	1227	42.46
11/16/20 TO 11/29/20	491	918	53.48
11/30/20 TO 12/13/20	493	730	67.53
12/14/20 TO 12/27/20	341	832	40.98
12/28/20 TO 1/10/21	300	848	35.37