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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.

More information regarding COVID-19 Vaccine distribution is becoming available. Phase 2 of the Kansas Vaccination Plan includes specific entities and those 65+ years old. At this time, we do not know where the vaccine will be available for those 65+ years old. As soon as that information becomes available, it will be shared on multiple platforms. In the meantime, if you have questions about whether you should receive the vaccine or not, please discuss your concerns with your primary care provider. We still do not know when vaccine for those 65+ years old will become available in McPherson County. Continued patience is appreciated and more information can be found at <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/>.

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 2889 total cases of COVID-19 in McPherson County. 1693 of the total cases have now met recovery guidelines or have passed away. There are 16 current hospitalizations and 50 deaths.

- New cases since last public release: 41
- Asymptomatic: 63
- Unknown exposure: 1365
- Cases 60 years old and above: 903
- Cases 50-59 years old: 404
- Cases 40-49 years old: 367
- Cases 30-39 years old: 361
- Cases 18-29 years old: 573
- Cases under 18 years old: 281
- Female cases: 1527
- Male cases: 1362
- Total hospitalizations: 112
- Total ventilated cases: 16
- Deaths: 50
 - 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, 88
 - Female: 92, 89, 94, 66, 82, 91, 84, 90, 89, 81, 62, 83, 62, 98, 81, 84, 80

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