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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 February 8, 2021. Delaying moving to Phase 3 comes after careful consideration of local hospital capacity, provider feedback, and high testing positivity rates. These plans can be found on the McPherson County website, [mcpersoncountyks.us](http://mcpersoncountyks.us).

COVID-19 Vaccine distribution will require the community to remain flexible. Locals do not have control over how many doses KDHE sends. Phase 2 of the Kansas Vaccination Plan includes specific entities and those 65+ years old. At this time, McPherson County Health Department will be prioritizing Phase 2 entities based on known risk and health factors. MCHD will reach out to the named entities as previous groups are vaccinated and doses become available. While federal supply prevents KDHE from supplying providers with vaccine, MCHD will be dividing our shipments amongst county providers to help vaccinate the 65+ population.

- Individuals 65+ years old should contact their primary care provider to be vaccinated. If you do not have a primary care provider, please call MCHD at 620-241-1753.
- Healthcare associated workers from Phase 1 will be able to receive vaccine in Phase 2 if they weren't vaccinated in Phase 1 shipments.
- Group A: K-12 staff, childcare providers, and disability service staff.
- Group B: Homeless shelters, higher education staff, USPS, and public transportation.
- Group C: Food processing, agriculture, DMV, and public city and county offices.

If you have questions about whether you should receive the vaccine or not, please discuss your concerns with your primary care provider. Vaccine supply comes in very small shipments so continued patience is appreciated. More information like dose counts 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 3034 total cases of COVID-19 in McPherson County. 1968 of the total cases have now met recovery guidelines or have passed away. There are 12 current hospitalizations and 68 deaths.

- New cases since last public release: 33
- Asymptomatic: 65
- Unknown exposure: 1446
- Cases 60 years old and above: 940
- Cases 50-59 years old: 417
- Cases 40-49 years old: 392
- Cases 30-39 years old: 378
- Cases 18-29 years old: 605
- Cases under 18 years old: 302
- Female cases: 1593
- Male cases: 1441
- Total hospitalizations: 120
- Total ventilated cases: 20
- Deaths: 68
  - 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, 95, 74, 66, 84, 74, 74, 77, 87, 65, 94, 71, 42, 82
  - Female: 92, 89, 94, 66, 82, 91, 84, 90, 89, 81, 62, 83, 62, 98, 81, 84, 80, 91, 82, 74, 96, 94

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
1/11/21 TO 1/24/21	245	598	40.96

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