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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

After carefully considering local hospital capacity, new case rates and provider feedback, MCHD recommends McPherson County transition to Phase 3 reopening plans beginning February 10, 2021. Phase 3 limits gatherings to 45 individuals when 6-foot distance is not maintained. More information on Phase 3 plans can be found on the McPherson County website, 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. MCHD is not scheduling for later phases at this time, but you may email machd@mcpersoncountyks.us with your contact information for future reference. While federal supply prevents KDHE from supplying providers with vaccine, MCHD will be dividing our current shipments amongst county providers to help vaccinate the 65+ population. As of this release, McPherson County is still working to vaccinate the 65+ population and Group A.

- 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

COVID-19 data in McPherson County can now be found on the second page of this release.

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Total cases	3090
New cases since last release	26
Total recoveries	2611
Total deaths	71
Asymptomatic	65
Unknown exposure	1475
Female cases	1619
Male cases	1471
Current hospitalizations	8
Total hospitalizations	122
Total ventilated cases	20
Cases 60+ years old	949
Cases 50-59 years old	424
Cases 40-49 years old	400
Cases 30-39 years old	387
Cases 18-29 years old	621
Cases under 18 years old	309

Deaths by Age	Male	Female
90+	8	9
80-89	19	11
70-79	9	1
60-69	6	3
50-59	1	0
40-49	2	0
30-39	2	0

Total COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Received at MCHD since 12/21/20	1610
Doses Scheduled/Administered at MCHD	810
Doses Transferred to Providers from MCHD	800

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
1/25/21 TO 2/7/21	152	458	33.18