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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. This decision will be reviewed February 23, 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.
 - If you are 65+, you do not have to wait until Group B to be vaccinated.
- Group C: Food processing, agriculture, DMV, and public city and county offices.
 - If you are 65+, you do not have to wait until Group C to be vaccinated.

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	3113
New cases since last release	23
Total recoveries	2993
Total deaths	78
Asymptomatic	65
Unknown exposure	1478
Female cases	1629
Male cases	1484
Current hospitalizations	2
Total hospitalizations	124
Total ventilated cases	21
Cases 60+ years old	957
Cases 50-59 years old	427
Cases 40-49 years old	401
Cases 30-39 years old	390
Cases 18-29 years old	625
Cases under 18 years old	313

Deaths by Age	Male	Female
90+	9	10
80-89	19	11
70-79	12	2
60-69	7	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	2010
Doses Scheduled/Administered at MCHD	1210
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	465	32.68