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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 March 9, 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.

Phase 2 of the Kansas Vaccination Plan includes specific entities listed below and those 65+ years old. MCHD is not scheduling for later phases at this time, but you may email machd@mcpersoncountyks.us with your contact information for future reference. MCHD is working with McPherson County IT to establish a registration portal for the vaccine that will automatically organize individuals by the Phase they belong in. This will streamline the registration and appointment process at MCHD. While federal supply prevents KDHE from supplying providers with vaccine, MCHD is also dividing our current shipments amongst 5 other county providers to help vaccinate the 65+ population. MCHD does not track how many doses are administered at locations outside of MCHD. Vaccine providers are required to report to three state and federal databases to account for doses administered. KDHE is working on adding cumulative data to their vaccine webpage, <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/>. MCHD is also working on a dashboard layout for data that has been reported on cases, testing positivity rates, and vaccine. In the future, data updates that are included on the second page of these releases will be moved to the dashboard. Both IT developments are still in the works and a future public release will announce when they are both accessible.

As of this release, McPherson County is still working to vaccinate the 65+ population and Group A but are expecting to move to Group B by March 1.

- 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	3147
New cases since last release	8
Total recoveries	3019
Total deaths	80
Asymptomatic	65
Unknown exposure	1496
Female cases	1644
Male cases	1503
Current hospitalizations	2
Total hospitalizations	127
Total ventilated cases	21
Cases 60+ years old	964
Cases 50-59 years old	432
Cases 40-49 years old	406
Cases 30-39 years old	396
Cases 18-29 years old	631
Cases under 18 years old	318

Deaths by Age	Male	Female
90+	9	10
80-89	19	11
70-79	13	3
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	3610
Doses Scheduled/Administered at MCHD	1660
Doses Transferred to Providers from MCHD	1950

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
2/8/21 TO 2/21/21	76	276	27.43