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### **CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN MCPHERSON COUNTY**

McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) recommends McPherson County practice Phase 3 Reopening Plans beginning February 10, 2021 and will be received March 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](http://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](mailto:machd@mcpersoncountyks.us) with your contact information for future reference. MCHD is also dividing our current shipments amongst 5 other county providers. 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/>.

#### Isolation and Quarantine:

- If you are exposed to someone with suspect or confirmed COVID-19, you are not required to quarantine if you meet ALL of the following points:
  - If you have been fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine for at least 2 weeks (2 weeks after the second dose in 2-dose series like Moderna and Pfizer, or 2 weeks after the first dose in a single-dose vaccine like Johnson & Johnson)
  - If you are within 6 months of receiving your last dose in the vaccine series
  - If you are not having any symptoms since the identified COVID-19 exposure
- If you do not meet ALL of the above points, you should follow normal quarantine guidance, which includes a 10-day quarantine from date of exposure.
- If you meet ALL of the above points but then become symptomatic, you should immediately isolate and seek PCR or antigen COVID-19 testing.
- Vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings/long term care facilities are exempt from this fully vaccinated exemption due to unknown vaccine effectiveness in this population, the higher risk of severe disease and death, and challenges with distancing in these settings.

As of this release, McPherson County is now working to vaccinate the 65+ population and Group A-C. Individuals in these categories can contact their primary care provider to be vaccinated or call MCHD to schedule at 620-241-1753.

- Individuals 65+ years old and healthcare associated workers.
- 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, public city and county offices, water/wastewater workers, and retail/restaurant/grocery workers.

KDHE and MCHD continue to mandate a 10-day quarantine for Kansans if you have done any of the following:

- Traveled on or after February 26 to the countries of Mayotte, Czechia, San Marino, Montenegro, or Seychelles.
- 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	3200
New cases since last release	6
Total recoveries	3084
Total deaths	85
Asymptomatic	68
Unknown exposure	1515
Female cases	1672
Male cases	1528
Current hospitalizations	1
Total hospitalizations	129
Total ventilated cases	21
Cases 60+ years old	977
Cases 50-59 years old	441
Cases 40-49 years old	407
Cases 30-39 years old	406
Cases 18-29 years old	642
Cases under 18 years old	327

Deaths by Age	Male	Female
90+	10	11
80-89	19	11
70-79	14	3
60-69	8	4
50-59	1	0
40-49	2	0
30-39	2	0

<b>Total COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Received at MCHD since 12/21/20</b>	6564
<b>Doses Scheduled/Administered at MCHD</b>	2310
<b>Doses Transferred to Providers from MCHD</b>	4254

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
2/22/21 TO 3/7/21	51	255	20.0