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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN MCPHERSON COUNTY

COVID-19 data in McPherson County can be found on the home page of mcpersoncountyks.us, under "McPherson County COVID-19 Dashboard." This data will continue to be updated Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. Written releases like this one will be posted once a week on Thursdays, unless needed otherwise.

After assessing current new case trends and vaccination rates in McPherson County, McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) recommends the following beginning May 6, 2021:

- No gathering limit when all persons wear masks
- Practice 6-foot distancing where possible
- If all persons in a gathering have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks, masks and distancing may not be necessary
- Entities and businesses may continue to be more stringent in both private and public situations at their discretion

McPherson County is vaccinating anyone 16 years old and above for COVID-19. **We expect implementation of vaccinating those 12-15 years old with Pfizer vaccine in the next week.** You may call MCHD at 620-241-1753, your local healthcare provider, or pharmacy for an appointment. You may also search for locations using vaccinefinder.org.

- As of May 12, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 15,019 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to McPherson County residents. The majority of doses administered have been Moderna (10,576), followed by Pfizer (3,877) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (566).
- As of May 12, 2021, according to the CDC COVID Data Tracker (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), 35.9% of McPherson County's population has been fully vaccinated. 46.1% of the population 18 years old and above are vaccinated and 77.5% of the population 65 years old and above are vaccinated. More information can be found on their website.

KDHE and MCHD continue to mandate a 10-day quarantine for Kansans. **This quarantine does not apply if you have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks (but less than 6 months) and are asymptomatic.**

- Traveled on or after May 6 to the Colorado counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Bent, Chaffee, Conejos, Crowley, City and County of Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Jefferson, Lake, Larimer, Park, Phillips, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, San Juan, Teller, and Weld
- Traveled on or after May 6 to Cabo Verde, India, Maldives or Seychelles
- Traveled on or after April 22 to Minnesota, Argentina, Aruba, Bahrain, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Sweden or Turkey
- Traveled on or after April 8 to Pennsylvania or Uruguay
- Traveled on or after March 26 to Delaware, Michigan, or Rhode Island
- Traveled on or after March 12 to the country of State of Palestine
- Traveled between April 22 – May 6 to Aruba or France
- Traveled between April 8 – May 6 to Andorra, Bermuda, Curacao, Poland or Serbia
- Traveled between March 26 – May 6 to Hungary
- Traveled between March 12 – May 6 to New Jersey or New York
- 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