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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.

McPherson County COVID-19 variant data is now available. As of this release, there are 8 confirmed variant cases. At this time, neither of these identified variants require any additional quarantine or isolation precautions outside of what is already done for non-variant cases. More information regarding COVID-19 variants can be found at <https://www.who.int/.../tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>.

- Variant B.1.1.7 (Alpha): 6
- Variant B.1.617.2 (Delta): 2

McPherson County is vaccinating anyone 12 years old and above for COVID-19. 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 July 7, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 16,687 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to McPherson County residents. The majority of doses administered have been Moderna (11,162), followed by Pfizer (4,847) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (678).
- As of July 7, 2021, according to the CDC COVID Data Tracker (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), 40.7% of McPherson County's population has been fully vaccinated. 47.7% of the population 12 years old and above are vaccinated, 51.3% of the population 18 years old and above are vaccinated, and 80.5% 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 and are asymptomatic.**

- Traveled on or after July 1 to Brazil, Namibia, Oman or Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Traveled on or after June 17 to Kuwait or Mongolia
- Traveled on or after June 3 to Colombia or Suriname
- Traveled on or after May 20 to Costa Rica or French Guiana
- Traveled on or after May 6 to Maldives or Seychelles
- Traveled on or after April 22 to Argentina
- Traveled on or after April 8 to Uruguay
- Traveled between June 3 and July 1 to Chile or Paraguay
- Traveled between April 22 and July 1 to Bahrain
- 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

After assessing current new case trends, vaccination rates, and CDC and KDHE recommendations, McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) recommends the following beginning May 20, 2021:

- Individuals that have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks do not need to wear masks or distance (unless in a healthcare setting like a hospital)
- Entities and businesses may continue to be more stringent in both private and public situations at their discretion