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

This time last week, McPherson County had 16 active cases bringing the total case count to 3,431. Unfortunately, as of this release, McPherson County now has 43 active cases bringing the total case count to 3,466. This rapid increase in cases is what surrounding counties, the state of Kansas, and the nation have experienced the last 2-3 weeks. The leading public health prevention strategy remains to be vaccination. At least forty percent of McPherson County population have been fully vaccinated at this time. McPherson County Health Department is asking county residents to be proactive by getting the vaccine if you are eligible. Less than one percent of McPherson County cases are vaccinated. It is crucial we prevent this increasing case trend from going any further before healthcare providers become overwhelmed. Get vaccinated, stay home if you are sick, and wash your hands. Those who are not vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask when distancing is not possible.

As of this release, there are 11 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): 5

COVID-19 data in McPherson County can be found on the home page of [mcpersoncountyks.us](http://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 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](http://vaccinefinder.org).

- As of July 28, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 17,330 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to McPherson County residents. The majority of doses administered have been Moderna (11,277), followed by Pfizer (5,351) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (702).
- As of July 28, 2021, according to the CDC COVID Data Tracker (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), 41.8% of McPherson County's population has been fully vaccinated. 49% of the population 12 years old and above are vaccinated, 52.5% of the population 18 years old and above are vaccinated, and 81% 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.** The travel and exposure related quarantine list can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran>.