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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. Public releases will move to once a week on Thursdays and more frequently if needed.

McPherson County Health Department (MCHD) recognizes and is proud of McPherson County for continuing to practice critical safety measures to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. After considering McPherson County's population vaccinated rate, current trends with COVID-19 infection locally, statewide and nationally, and consulting with local healthcare partners, MCHD will recommend we move to a modified reopening plan that includes the following:

- 100-person gathering limit when 6-foot distancing is not maintained
- Continued mask usage when all surrounding individuals have not been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks, especially in settings where 6-foot distancing is not maintained or there is poor ventilation
- Frequent hand hygiene practices and staying home when sick

MCHD recommends McPherson County practice the above recommendations beginning April 5, 2021 and this will be reviewed again April 19, 2021.

McPherson County is vaccinating anyone 16 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. (16 and 17 year old individuals may only receive Pfizer vaccine at this time).

- As of April 7, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 12,099 McPherson County residents have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. The majority have received Moderna (8,446), followed by Pfizer (3,288) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (365).

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

- Traveled on or after April 8 to Connecticut or Pennsylvania, Andorra, Bermuda, Curacao, Poland, Serbia or Uruguay.
- Traveled on or after March 26 to Delaware, Michigan, Rhode Island, Hungary or Jordan.
- Traveled on or after March 12 to New Jersey or New York.
- Traveled on or after March 12 to State of Palestine or Estonia.
- Traveled on or after February 26 to the country of San Marino.
- 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.