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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. 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 May 5, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 14,757 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to McPherson County residents. The majority of doses administered have been Moderna (10,413), followed by Pfizer (3,798) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (546).
- As of May 5, 2021, according to the CDC COVID Data Tracker (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), 34.2% of McPherson County's population has been fully vaccinated. 44.1% of the population 18 years old and above are vaccinated and 76.6% 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 if you have done any of the following:

- 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, Andorra, Bermuda, Curacao, Poland, Serbia or Uruguay
- Traveled on or after March 26 to Delaware, Michigan, Rhode Island, or Hungary
- Traveled on or after March 12 to New Jersey, New York or the country of State of Palestine
- Traveled between April 8 – April 22 to Connecticut
- Traveled between March 26 – April 22 to Jordan
- Traveled between February 26 – April 22 to 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