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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 9 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): 3

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 21, 2021, according to the Kansas Immunization Registry, KSWebIZ, 16,971 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to McPherson County residents. The majority of doses administered have been Moderna (11,235), followed by Pfizer (5,044) and Johnson and Johnson/Janssen (692).
- As of July 21, 2021, according to the CDC COVID Data Tracker (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>), 41.3% of McPherson County's population has been fully vaccinated. 48.4% of the population 12 years old and above are vaccinated, 52% of the population 18 years old and above are vaccinated, and 80.7% 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>.

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