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### **12/13/2021 NCDHD COVID-19 Updates**

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 194 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 12/6/2021.

Data is still being collected on the B.1.1.529 Omicron variant. Review the Center for Disease and Control (CDC) website for the most up-to-date information on the Omicron variant.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html>

On Friday, December 9, 2021, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) expands the eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster dose for individuals 16 and 17-years old that wish to receive a booster. While this has been approved, NCDHD is waiting for official orders to start offering a Pfizer booster to those 16 and 17-years-old, so booster doses for this age group will not be available yet. NCDHD will have an update when/if we receive those orders.

Need a COVID-19 test? Cherry County Hospital is offering FREE rapid COVID-19 testing. This service will be regularly offered Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2p-3p. To register, a patient should call Cherry County Hospital 402-376-2525 or Cherry County Clinic 402-376-3770 and press pound to be connected to the registration voicemail. Cut off for registration is 12pm the day of testing.

**Everyone ages 18 and older can get a COVID-19 booster shot.** To be eligible after the Pfizer or Moderna primary 2-dose series, an individual needs to wait at least 6 months after completion of the second vaccine dose. To be eligible after a Janssen J&J dose, an individual needs to wait at least 2 months after the shot.

Persons may choose to receive any authorized or approved vaccine booster dose currently available, Moderna, Pfizer or Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), **regardless of which primary series they received.**

**Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines** have been approved for **children aged 5-11 years old.** NCDHD will be offering these at NCDHD sponsored vaccine clinics. Important things to note about the 5–11-year-old Pfizer vaccines:

- A **2<sup>nd</sup> dose is required** 21-42 days after first dose to attain maximum immunity.
- **NCDHD will REQUIRE children under 12 years of age** to have a parent, guardian, or other trusted family member/friend over age 19 accompany them at clinic.
- A parent or guardian **must** sign the child's vaccination form.

NCDHD has the following clinic times available for walk-ins during the noted times below. If you already have a scheduled appointment time for a clinic on this list, please arrive at that scheduled time.

NCDHD is not including other area hospitals/clinics in our Press Release. If interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose at your local hospital/clinic, please call your local hospital/clinic for their vaccine schedule and availability.

**NCDHD Sponsored Clinics**

<b>Week of Dec 14-Dec 20 2021</b>			
Page Firehall	all	9:30 a-11 a	14-Dec
Pierce HS Cafeteria	all	1:30 p-5:30 p	14-Dec
Santee Community School	all	10 a-12 p	15-Dec
Niobrara School	all	1:30 p-5 p	15-Dec
NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	9 a-4 p	16-Dec
<b>Week of Dec 21-Jan 3 2021</b>			
Ainsworth Community Center	all	1 p-5:30 p	28-Dec
Bloomfield Community Center	all	11 a-5 p	29-Dec
TENTATIVE NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	9 a-12 p	30-Dec

**Blue indicates NCDHD will be offering COVID, flu, Tdap, Pneumonia, and Shingles vaccines.**  
**Yellow indicates the time and/or location has changed since last reporting.**

Vaccine by the numbers from all sources including Federal reporting: Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Department of Defense (DOD), Indian Health Service (IHS) and Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

- total doses administered: 47,228
- fully vaccinated: 26,393
- partially vaccinate: 5,917
- 16+ vaccinated: 73.5%
- Total NCDHD district population vaccinated: 59.2%

Case count update as of 12/13/2021 at 3:00 PM: 7,144 Total Cases (TC), 6,220 Recoveries (R) and 91 Deaths (D). There have been 400 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last 7 days: 194 Cases (C) 0 Deaths (D).

Recoveries for the week and updated total count will be reported tomorrow.

If interested in county-level data, the CDC has data available at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> or on the DHSS website [https://datanexus-dhhs.ne.gov/views/Covid/1\\_HospitalCapacity?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y](https://datanexus-dhhs.ne.gov/views/Covid/1_HospitalCapacity?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y)