

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec 20, 2021

CONTACT INFORMATION: Allison Becker

North Central District Health Department 1-402-336-2406

12/20/2021 NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 88 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 12/13/2021.

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>

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends for the prevention of COVID-19, a clinical preference is for individuals to receive an initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series (Moderna or Pfizer) over Janssen (J&J). This is recommended following a review of the latest evidence on vaccine effectiveness, vaccine safety and rare adverse events. Receiving any vaccine is better than being unvaccinated, but the CDC is encouraging Moderna or Pfizer vaccination series for those who have not gotten any COVID-19 vaccines yet. The CDC release can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1216-covid-19-vaccines.html>

Need a COVID-19 test? Cherry County Hospital is offering FREE rapid COVID-19 testing. THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK, SERVICES WILL BE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS. 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 booster doses are approved for 16- and 17-year-olds. Individuals 16- or 17-years old that received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination series may get a Pfizer COVID-19 Booster, if desired, 6+ months after their 2nd dose of their series.

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 **2nd 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

Week of Dec 21-Dec 27 2021			
Santee Community School	all	10 a-12 p	21-Dec
Niobrara School	all	1:30 p-5 p	21-Dec
Week of Dec 21-Jan 3 2021			
Ainsworth Community Center	all	1 p-5:30 p	28-Dec
Bloomfield Community Center	all	11 a-5 p	29-Dec
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: 48,011
- fully vaccinated: 27,041
- partially vaccinate: 6,431
- 16+ vaccinated: 75.3%
- Total NCDHD district population vaccinated: 60.7%

Case count update as of 12/20/2021 at 3:00 PM: 7,230 Total Cases (TC), 6,431 Recoveries (R) and 93 Deaths (D). There have been 282 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last 7 days: 88 Cases (C), 173 Recoveries (R), 2 Deaths (D).

Recoveries for the previous week are 210 (R).

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