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NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 195 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 11/22/2021.

CDC Statement on B.1.1.529 Omicron variant:

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and has named it Omicron. No cases of this variant have been identified in the U.S. to date. CDC is following the details of this new variant, first reported to the WHO by South Africa. We are grateful to the South African government and its scientists who have openly communicated with the global scientific community and continue to share information about this variant with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and CDC. We are working with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more about this variant, as we continue to monitor its path.

The full CDC Statement on the B.1.1.529 Omicron variant can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1126-B11-529-omicron.html>

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 **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 Sponsored Clinics

Week of Nov 30-Dec 6 2021			
Ainsworth Community Center	all	1 p-5:30 p	30-Nov
Bloomfield Community Center	all	11 a-5 p	1-Dec
Neligh-Antelope Co. Fairgrounds	all	1 p - 5:30p	2-Dec
NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	9 a-4 p	2-Dec
Week of Dec 7-Dec 13 2021			
Valentine Mid-Plains College	all	1 p-5 p	7-Dec
Butte Community Center	all	2 p-5 p	8-Dec
NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	9 a-4 p	9-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.

NCDHD Area Clinics

Week of Nov 30-Dec 6 2021			
Avera Creighton Hospital	Moderna	1 p-3 p	30-Nov
Rock County Clinic-call 402-684-2906 for an appointment	Moderna	1 p-4:30 p	30-Nov
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Atkinson	Pfizer-5 to 11 year olds only	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:15 p	8-Dec
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Bassett	all	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	1-Dec
AMH Family Practice, Neligh-call 402-887-5440 for appointment	Moderna	9:30 a-3 p	1-Dec
Plainview Family Pharmacy	Moderna	10 a-2 p	2-Dec
Week of Dec 7-Dec 13 2021			
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Atkinson	all	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	7-Dec
Avera Creighton Hospital-call 402-358-5700 for registration	Pediatric Pfizer	3:30 p-4:30 p	7-Nov
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Atkinson	Pfizer-5 to 11 year olds only	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:15 p	8-Dec
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Bassett	Pfizer-5 to 11 year olds only	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	8-Dec
Cherry Co. Hospital-Specialty Clinic call 402-376-2525, ext 351 for an appointment	Moderna	11 a-12:30 p	9-Dec

Plainview Family Pharmacy	Moderna	10 a-2 p	9- Dec
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Green indicates clinics to call ahead or schedule online.

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: 44,424
- fully vaccinated: 24,202
- partially vaccinate: 4,340
- 16+ vaccinated: 67.4%
- Total NCDHD district population vaccinated: 54.3%

Updated recoveries from the last 7 days will not be reported today. Recoveries will instead be updated tomorrow, November 30th. Case count update as of 11/29/2021 at 3:00 PM: 6,748 Total Cases (TC), 5,828 Recoveries (R), and 91 Deaths (D). There have been 419 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last 7 days: 195 Cases (C), 1 Deaths (D).

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