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**NCDHD COVID-19 Updates**  
Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 206 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 11/29/2021.

Nebraska Public Health Solutions released this recent statement on B.1.1.529 Omicron variant in Nebraska on December 3rd:

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Nebraska Public Health Solutions (PHS) District, and the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) have detected six cases of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 among district residents. The first case was likely exposed during international travel to Nigeria, returned on November 23rd, and became symptomatic on November 24th. The five remaining cases were likely exposed through household contact with the first case. Only one of the six cases were vaccinated. None have required hospitalization. Case investigations and contact tracing are ongoing. (NPHS, 2021).

The full Statement can be found at:

<https://www.phsneb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/12.3.2021-COVID-19-Omicron-Variant-Confirmed-in-PHS-District.pdf>

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 Sponsored Clinics**

<b>Week of Dec 7-Dec 13 2021</b>			
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
<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

**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**

<b>Week of Dec 7-Dec 13 2021</b>			
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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Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Atkinson	Pfizer-5 to 11 year olds only	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:15 p	15-Dec
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Bassett	all	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	15-Dec

**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: 45,829
- fully vaccinated: 25,237
- partially vaccinate: 5,005
- 16+ vaccinated: 70.3%
- Total NCDHD district population vaccinated: 56.6%

Case count update as of 12/6/2021 at 3:00 PM: 6,952 Total Cases (TC), 6,220 Recoveries (R), and 91 Deaths (D). There have been 401 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last 7 days: 206 Cases (C), 172 Recoveries (R), 0 Deaths (D).

Last week NCDHD had 219 Recovers (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](https://datanexus-dhhs.ne.gov/views/Covid/1_HospitalCapacity?:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y)