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NCDHD COVID-19 Updates

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 59 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 8/16/2021.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine now has full FDA Approval for use for individuals 16 years of age and older. It remains EUA-approved for those 12-15 years old & 3rd dose recipients. Learn more at: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>. New EUAs for all types of COVID-19 vaccines are available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html>.

Regarding NCDHD COVID Vaccine clinics, we will now be **requiring insurance card information** prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. A photocopy of the front and back of insurance cards is needed. **If you do not have insurance, you are still eligible to get your COVID vaccine.** Please call our office with any questions.

The CDC signed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendation that endorsed the use of an **additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine for people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems after an initial two-dose vaccine series**. CDC's recommendation are people with a range of conditions, such as recipients of organ or stem cell transplants, people with advance or untreated HIV infection, active recipients of treatment for cancer, people who are taking some medications that weaken the immune system, and others. A full list of conditions can be found on CDC's website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>. The additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine should be the same vaccine as the initial series and administered at least four weeks after completing a primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series. CDC does **not** recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population currently. **NCDHD is pending updated orders to begin administering this booster shot timely.** Please monitor media for the quickest update on order approvals.

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. Please note any location updates. These clinics will be dispensing **Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and/or Moderna** vaccine. Please note by the location which clinic will be offering which vaccine.

Week of Aug 24-31 2021

Avera Creighton Hospital	Moderna	1 p-3 p	24-Aug
Rock County Clinic	Moderna	1 p-4:15 p	24-Aug
Pierce Fairgrounds Pavilion	all	3:30 p-5:30 p	24-Aug
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Bassett	Moderna, Pfizer	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	25-Aug
Antelope Memorial Hospital	Moderna	9:30 a-3 p	25-Aug
Niobrara HS parking lot	all	10 a-11 a	27-Aug
NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	1 p-3:30 p	27-Aug
O'Neill Armory	all	3:30 p-5:30 p	27-Aug
West Holt Hospital	all	11 a-4:45 p	27-Aug
Greater Sandhills Family Healthcare-Atkinson	Moderna, Pfizer	9 a-11:30 a, 1 p-4:30 p	31-Aug
Avera Creighton Hospital	Moderna	1 p-3 p	31-Aug

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: 35,682
- fully vaccinated: 17,665
- partially vaccinate: 351
- 16+ vaccinated: 49.2%
- Total NCDHD district population vaccinated: 39.6%

Need a COVID test? Testing can most readily be accessed through traditional healthcare access points as of July 1st. Reach out to your primary care provider for more information.

If you are a non-healthcare facility interested in free, routine PCR testing for COVID-19, visit www.testedandprotected.org to learn more about the Expanded Testing program managed by the Midwest Coordination Center. Eligible groups include public/private schools, nursing homes, shelters, correction facilities, youth-serving organizations, childcare centers, youth summer camps, etc. If you have any questions regarding this testing opportunity, please feel free to contact our office.

Case count update as of 8/23/2021 at 3:00 PM: 4,723 Total Cases (TC), 4,500 (R), 76 Deaths (D), and 101 total cases reported in the last 14 days. NCDHD is no longer able to release county-based data in our districts due to HIPAA standards. Previously, we were granted special privileges to release the county-based information. Those special privileges expired July 31st, 2021. If interested in county-based data, it is still available on the CDC's website at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>. Please keep in mind that this data tracker is updated once weekly, and it does not keep count of any type of antigen or rapid test. It only has data based on PCR tests.