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**12/27/2021 NCDHD COVID-19 Updates**

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of 101 new COVID-19 cases in the district since last reporting period on 12/20/2021.

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>

Need a COVID-19 test? Cherry County Hospital is offering FREE rapid COVID-19 testing. THIS 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of their series.

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 21-Jan 3 2021</b>			
Ainsworth Community Center	all	2 p-5:00 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
<b>Week of Jan 4-Jan 10 2021</b>			

Valentine Mid-Plains College	all	1p-5 p	4-Jan
Butte Community Center	all	2 p-5 p	5-Jan
Neligh-Antelope Co. Fairgrounds	all	1 p - 5:30p	6-Jan
NCDHD Office-422 E. Douglas St. O'Neill	all	9 a-4 p	6-Jan

**NCDHD will be offering COVID, flu, Tdap, Pneumonia, and Shingles vaccines.**

NCDHD will no longer be including COVID-19 vaccination numbers and percentage in the weekly Press Release. The vaccination numbers and percentage are updated daily and can be found on the NCDHD dashboard at:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/heidi.hostert/viz/shared/D56D7PM8N>

Case count update as of 12/27/2021 at 3:00 PM: 7,331 Total Cases (TC), 6,431 Recoveries (R) and 93 Deaths (D). There have been 189 total cases reported in the last 14 days.

Case count update for the last 7 days: 101 Cases (C) 0 Deaths (D).

Recoveries for this week 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)