

NEWSLETTER

PARK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Elevating Wellness in Park County

TOP NEWS

- Measles Cases on the Rise
- COVID-19 Vaccines Recommended for Adults 65 and older
- April 1 – 7 is Public Health Awareness Week

ALERT: MEASLES IS ON THE RISE IN THE U.S. AND OVERSEAS

Measles cases in the U.S. continue to increase, so much so that this year's amount has already surpassed 2023's total, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of March 21, the CDC confirmed that 64 measles cases have been reported by 17 jurisdictions — including Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York City, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington.

Everyone is encouraged to check the status of their protection from MMR. And since measles is an airborne virus that typically affects children ages 5 and younger, parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss immunization options with their pediatrician.



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS APRIL 1-7!

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. This work is achieved by promoting healthy lifestyles, researching disease and injury prevention, and detecting, preventing and responding to infectious diseases.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FOR AGES 65+

CDC Director Mandy Cohen endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for adults ages 65 years and older to receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Data continues to show the importance of vaccination to protect those most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19. An additional dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine may restore protection that has waned since a fall vaccine dose, providing increased protection.

People who are immunocompromised and aged 65 years and older, who received 1 dose of any updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or Novavax) should receive 1 additional dose of an updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine at least 2 months after the previous updated dose. For more information about receiving an additional dose go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

Talk to your healthcare provider about getting additional doses of updated COVID-19 vaccine.

Park County Public Health is still offering Covid-19 vaccines as well as Flu and RSV vaccines. To find out if you qualify please call 719-836-4172.



Please contact Park County Public Health Agency at 719-836-4174 with questions or for more information.

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