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Vaccinations Reduce Hospitalization and Evening/Weekend Hours at the Reno County Health Department

Reno County, Kan.- June 4, 2021- As positive numbers trend downward in Reno County, the number of hospitalized has also declined. As of June 4, only two COVID-19 patients remained at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. **No previously vaccinated individuals have been hospitalized in Reno County. Vaccinations are nearly 100% effective at preventing hospitalization.**

If you are considering a summer vacation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before leaving the United States, unless required by their destination, nor do they need to self-quarantine following international travel. If you have NOT been vaccinated, it is recommended you get tested 1-3 days before your trip, and 3-5 days after you return home. If you have NOT been vaccinated, it is also advised you self-quarantine for 7 days (if you have a negative Covid-19 test on or after day 6), or 10 days after travel if no testing is done. Check all state and local recommendations or requirements before traveling.

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

The Reno County Health Department is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 6 p.m., and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 6 p.m. **They will also be open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 12.** The COVID-19 vaccine is FREE for any Reno County Resident, age 12 and over, regardless of citizen status or insurance. No appointment is needed. For more information about the vaccine, visit www.renogov.org/741/COVID-19 or call 620-694-2900 Ext. 6.

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