

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

June 24, 2021

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Vaccine development continues. Maryland-based company, Novavax, announced on June 14, that its COVID-19 two-shot vaccine was more than 90% effective, including against a variety of life-threatening variants. Novavax has not yet submitted its request for Emergency Use Authorization in the U.S.

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### ACIP Meeting

There was a CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) held on June 23. Discussion was held around cases of myocarditis/pericarditis after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination. While no votes were taken, members agreed the benefits of the vaccine continued to outweigh the harms, but that the condition needs to continue to be monitored. A statement was released following the meeting from the nation's leading doctors, nurses and public health leaders on benefits of vaccination. The statement can be found: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/06/23/statement-following-cdc-acip-meeting-nations-leading-doctors-nurses-public-health-leaders-benefits-vaccination.html>.

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Kansas has reached a key milestone -- more than 50 percent of Kansans 18+ are fully vaccinated!

### Initiatives

There are several different initiatives that have and continue to occur across the state. One great example of state, business and local partnership was the Race to End COVID-19. The Kansas Speedway, in partnership with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS - Public Health Department, University of Kansas Health System, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Kansas Department of Emergency Management, hosted the Race to End COVID event on June 4 and 5. The two-day event gave attendees who got either tested or vaccinated the opportunity to drive their own cars on the track and the chance to win larger prizes through a drawing. In total, more than 120 people were vaccinated, and more than 230 people were tested.

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### Initiatives

With the recent expansion of COVID-19 vaccine to those aged 12-15 years, the state has been proactively expanding our events to reach these young Kansans. On Monday, May 17 the Shawnee County Health Department held an event reaching about 450 12 – 15-year-old students and parents. On Tuesday, May 18, approximately 160 16 – 18-year-olds received their second Pfizer doses in the same school district. The timing of these events ensures that second-dose events can be held before school breaks for the summer.

In addition to school events, the kickoff for our first vaccine education incentive pilot is scheduled for June 5 to align with the "June Jaunt" in Great Bend. The pilot will incentivize those with vaccine questions or concerns to engage with local health care providers as part of a large community event – and provide easily accessible vaccines on-site to those wanting to be vaccinated.

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The Pfizer vaccine expanded to include those ages 12-15 this week. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration on May 10. CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) met May 12 and voted to authorize the vaccine for the 12-15 ages followed by the CDC director's approval. Following the approval, providers may now administer the vaccine to 12+ in Kansas.

Additional federal documents concerning the expansion to 12+, can be viewed:

- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)
- [FDA Press Release](#)

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There is anticipation that the federal government may modify the EUA of Pfizer as early as next week to allow for those ages 12+ to be vaccinated. The CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to meet May 12 to address any decisions made by the FDA and may make corresponding recommendations at that time. The State will notify providers and the public as soon as we have official word of the authorization.

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### Vaccines.gov

The [federally supported website](#) that President Joe Biden announced to make it easier for individuals to access COVID-19 vaccines is now live! [Vaccines.gov](#) - powered by the trusted VaccineFinder brand - is available in English and Spanish, with high accessibility standard, and will help connect Americans with locations offering vaccines near them. In addition to the website, people in the U.S. are also now able to utilize a text messaging service, available in both English and Spanish. **People can text their ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available.**

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The Janssen vaccine was paused by the federal government on April 13 out of an abundance of caution following reports of recipients in the United States who developed a rare disorder involving blood clots within about two weeks of vaccination. Kansas also paused the vaccine while waiting for further review and guidance from the federal government. The federal government lifted the pause on Janssen on April 23, amending the EUA to include warning labels that women under the age of 50 are at risk for rare blood clots with low platelets within 2 weeks following vaccination. Kansas lifted the pause on Monday, April 26. Additional resources can be found on: <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/194/Janssen-J-J-Vaccine>.

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Next week's order has not been placed yet. Kansas moved to an order request system this week allowing all enrolled COVID vaccine providers to order the amount and type of vaccine needed rather than the previous method of being allocated vaccine based on limited supply. There are no minimum vial restraints in the ordering process now. The primary contact for each provider has received notification and instruction on how to place orders which are due by 5 p.m. on Thursdays for delivery the following week.

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### Doses Administered

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- Janssen Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers - [www.fda.gov/media/146304/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download)
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39,780 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

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29,000 Moderna Boost

#### Next Week Janssen Projections

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- Janssen Recommendations for Clinicians - <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/268/Janssen-Vaccine-Fact-Sheet>
- Janssen Additional Communications to Providers - <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/267/Additional-Communication-to-Providers>
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### Doses Administered

Kansas has reached more than 1 million doses administered! Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 1,435,128 doses have been administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, which includes both first and second doses.

### Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Toolkits

- **White House Launches COVID-19 Community Corps:** Research shows that, when making the decision to get vaccinated, people want to hear from people they trust, such as [medical professionals, their own family and friends, and leaders in their community](#). The Community Corps was created to provide those trusted messengers with consistent and accurate information about COVID-19 to empower as many Americans as possible to become messengers to share the importance of vaccination in their community. To become a member, the public can sign up at [www.hhs.gov/covidcommunitycorps](http://www.hhs.gov/covidcommunitycorps). A public media campaign **“We Can Do This”** will provide multilingual, multiplatform media outreach. [COVID-19 Community Corps | WECANDOTHIS.HHS.GOV](#)
- Accuracy in vaccine messaging is important. Now is a great time to review websites and messaging to ensure the right language is being used:
  - Authorized v. Approved: COVID-19 vaccines are currently authorized for use under an EUA, but not yet licensed or approved. Use the word "authorized" when referring to the COVID-19 vaccines.
  - Proven v. Reported. There are many reports to VAERS; but there are very few conditions proven to be causally related to the vaccine.
  - Please refer to CDC COVID 19 vaccine website and vaccinate with confidence materials for messages and more information.
    - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>
    - <https://www.adcouncil.org/covid-vaccine>
- KDHE launched a statewide campaign called “Roll Up Your Sleeves” several weeks ago. Material is available for download under the Social Media Toolkit on our [web page](#).

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**April 1, 2021**

There are three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for anyone 18 years of age or older.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received the week of March 1.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

38,610 Pfizer Prime  
38,100 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

29,000 Moderna Prime  
27,800 Moderna Boost

#### Next Week Janssen Projections

41,800

Kansas moved into Phase 5 on Monday, March 29. Local public health departments will continue to prioritize those within their own counties. Kansans who wish to locate a vaccine site near them are encouraged to go to [Find My Vaccine](#).

#### Federally Qualified Health Centers

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. are receiving vaccine to target underserved populations. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. At this time, 19 FQHCs in Kansas, are receiving allocations. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government. A total of 29,500 doses have been distributed under this program to date.

#### Doses Administered

Kansas has reached more than 1 million doses administered! Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 1,229,509 doses have been administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, which includes both first and second doses.

### Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**March 25, 2021**

There are three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for anyone 18 years of age or older.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received the week of March 1.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

47,970 Pfizer Prime  
38,100 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
27,800 Moderna Boost

#### Next Week Janssen Projections

16,500

Kansas moved into Phases 3 and 4 on Monday, March 22. These phases include those with pre-existing conditions (adults between the ages of 16-64 years) and those who are critical workers who are potentially exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace. Further details of who is included in these phases is available in our [Prioritization Plan](#). Local public health departments will continue to prioritize those within their own counties. Kansans who wish to locate a vaccine site near them are encouraged to go to [Find My Vaccine](#).

Phase 3 and 4 is expected to be completed towards the end of April, with general population vaccination starting in May. These dates continue to be dependent upon the vaccine available from the Federal Government.

Kansas initially was expecting an increase in the Janssen vaccine the week of March 29. The full supply of vaccine expected from Janssen has been delayed due to production issues and may not be ready to ship until the second or third week of April. In an attempt to boost the Janssen supply, Merck – another international pharmaceutical company – has agreed to help manufacture Janssen’s COVID-19 vaccine.

## **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 242,435 doses.

## **Doses Administered**

Kansas has reached more than 1 million doses administered this week! Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 1,067,865 doses have been administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, which includes both first and second doses.

## **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week.

## **Communication**

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## **Resources**

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**March 18, 2021**

There are three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for anyone 18 years of age or older.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received the week of March 1.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

38,160 Pfizer Prime  
35,100 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
27,800 Moderna Boost

#### Next Week Janssen Projections

3,300

Kansas will be moving into Phases 3 and 4 on Monday, March 22. These phases include those with pre-existing conditions (adults between the ages of 16-64 years) and those who critical workers who are potentially exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace. Further details of who is included in these phases is available in our [Prioritization Plan](#). Local public health departments will continue to prioritize those within their own counties. Kansans who wish to locate a vaccine site near them are encouraged to go to [Find My Vaccine](#).

Phase 3 and 4 is expected to be completed towards the end of April, with general population vaccination starting in May. These dates continue to be dependent upon the vaccine available from the Federal Government.

Kansas continues to expect a significant increase in vaccine the week of March 29. The plan for the distribution of these additional doses is close to complete and will be operationalized this week to prepare providers and ensure potential reporting gaps are identified. Additionally, the Biden administration purchased an additional 100 million doses of the Janssen vaccine.

## **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 170,000 doses.

## **Federally Qualified Health Centers**

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, about 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. are receiving vaccine to target underserved populations. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. At this time, two FQHCs in Kansas, are receiving allocations. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government. Allocations under this program should be within Phase 2 and follow county prioritization protocols.

## **Doses Administered**

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 894,507 doses administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, which includes both first and second doses.

## **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week.

## **Communication**

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## **Resources**

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**March 11, 2021**

There are three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for those 18 years of age or older.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received the week of March 1.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

38,160 Pfizer Prime  
32,760 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
27,800 Moderna Boost

#### No Janssen vaccines expected until the week of March 22.

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups. Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations.

Phase 2 is expected to be completed towards the end of March.

### County News

Due to the shipment sizes of vaccine, rural counties have been receiving a higher rate of vaccine than some urban counties. Beginning February 21, every other week, approximately 30 counties will not receive vaccine from KDHE. By decreasing the number of counties to receive vaccine every-other-week week, this will allow the distribution lines to be more equitable across Kansas. This change impacts 30 counties and 3,000 doses.

KDHE issued updated guidance to clarify any ambiguity regarding the phases: (1) the state determines the current phase; (2) counties may prioritize groups within each phase as determined by the state; and (3) counties may not proceed to subsequent phases without the state's permission. The updated guidance also allows for an enforcement mechanism (withholding doses) for counties not abiding by the directives. Again, the goal is to ensure that those at highest risk of COVID-19 are prioritized for vaccination and the vaccine is distributed across counties fairly.

## **School and Meatpacking Plant Plans**

Governor Kelly has announced two specialized plans to provide extra doses for counties to vaccinate teachers/school staff and those in meatpacking plants. This vaccine is in addition to the doses already received from KDHE each week. Teachers and school staff were expected to receive their first dose by the end of last week with a few remaining staff receiving their first dose this week. Those in meatpacking plants should receive the first dose of the vaccine by next week.

## **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 77,400 doses. These locations are tasked with vaccinating those ages 65+, K-12 teachers, childcare workers, grocery and retail workers, food service and food manufacturing, factories and LTC/assisted living.

## **Federally Qualified Health Centers**

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, about 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. are receiving vaccine to target underserved populations. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. At this time, two FQHCs in Kansas, are receiving allocations. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government. Allocations under this program should be within Phase 2 and follow county prioritization protocols.

## **Doses Administered**

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 740,850 doses administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, which includes both first and second doses.

## **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week. It includes a "Find My Vaccine" tool.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**March 4, 2021**

There are now three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for anyone 18 years of age or older.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received this week – 23,400 doses were shipped to local health departments. There will not be any further Janssen vaccines received until the week of March 22.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

32,760 Pfizer Prime  
32,760 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
27,800 Moderna Boost

#### No Janssen vaccines available next week.

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

### County News

Due to the shipment sizes of vaccine, rural counties have been receiving a higher rate of vaccine than some urban counties. Beginning February 21, every other week, approximately 30 counties will not receive vaccine from KDHE. By decreasing the number of counties to receive vaccine every-other-week week, this will allow the

distribution lines to be more equitable across Kansas. This change impacts 30 counties and 3,000 doses.

KDHE issued updated guidance to clarify any ambiguity regarding the phases: (1) the state determines the current phase; (2) counties may prioritize groups within each phase as determined by the state; and (3) counties may not proceed to subsequent phases without the state's permission. The updated guidance also allows for an enforcement mechanism (withholding doses) for counties not abiding by the directives. Again, the goal is to ensure that those at highest risk of COVID-19 are prioritized for vaccination and the vaccine is distributed across counties fairly.

### **Back to School Plan**

On February 17, Governor Laura Kelly announced her Back to School Plan, in which counties, who need additional vaccine specifically earmarked for teachers and school staff, will receive additional shipments. This vaccine is in addition to the doses they already receive from KDHE each week. All teachers are expected to receive their first dose by the end of this week.

### **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 36,900 doses. These locations are tasked with vaccinating those ages 65+ and teachers.

### **Federally Qualified Health Centers**

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, about 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. are receiving vaccine to target underserved populations. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. At this time, two FQHCs in Kansas, are receiving allocations. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government. Allocations under this program should be within Phase 2 and follow county prioritization protocols.

### **Doses Administered**

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 614,166 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, which includes both first and second doses.

### **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week. It includes a "Find My Vaccine" tool.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

February 25, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age. Johnson & Johnson has applied for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and the initial hearing by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is set for February 26. It's possible that FDA approval may come this weekend. If approved, Johnson & Johnson is a one-dose vaccine. Further details regarding Kansas allocations and usages will be available after an EUA has been authorized.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

32,760 Pfizer Prime

22,230 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime

25,700 Moderna Boost

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

### County Allocations

For the week of February 21, approximately 75 counties received vaccine. Due to the shipment sizes of vaccine, rural counties have been receiving a higher rate of vaccine than some urban counties. By decreasing the number of counties to receive vaccine every-other-week, this will allow the distribution lines to be more equitable across Kansas. This distribution pattern will occur on an every-other-week process. This change impacts 30 counties and 3,000 doses.

## **Back to School Plan**

On February 17, Governor Laura Kelly announced her Back to School Plan, in which counties, who need additional vaccine specifically earmarked for teachers and school staff, will receive additional shipments. This vaccine is in addition to the doses they already receive from KDHE each week.

Counties will not receive the total number of doses needed to vaccinate every teacher in the first shipment. Counties should continue with their prioritization plans as already outlined --- but the state will help meet the need for teachers and staff.

As a reminder, K-12 teachers and staff are included in the current phase -- Phase 2 -- of the vaccine distribution framework, along with persons aged 65 and older, people living in congregate settings, and other high-contact critical workers.

## **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 17,000 doses. These locations are tasked with vaccinating those ages 65+. Kansas has not received updates concerning future allocations.

## **Federally Qualified Health Centers**

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, about 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. will receive vaccine to target underserved populations. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. The initial phase of this should begin next week. At this time, two FQHCs in Kansas, are anticipated to receive allocations. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government and KDHE does not know further details at this time. Allocations under this program should be within Phase 2 and follow county prioritization protocols.

## **Doses Administered**

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 506,401 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, which includes both first and second doses.

## **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week. It includes a "Find My Vaccine" tool.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

February 18, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age. Johnson & Johnson has applied for an Emergency Use Authorization and the initial hearing is set for February 26.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

28,080 Pfizer Prime  
22,230 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
25,700 Moderna Boost

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

#### County Allocations

For the week of February 21, approximately 75 counties will receive vaccine. Due to the shipment sizes of vaccine, rural counties have been receiving higher amounts of vaccine per capita than some urban counties. By decreasing the number of counties to receive vaccine next week, this will allow the distribution lines to be more equitable across Kansas. This distribution pattern will occur on an every-other-week process. This change impacts 30 counties and 3,000 doses.

## **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began last week, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. Initially, there are 82 pharmacies in 32 counties who have received vaccine from the federal government. The allocation to Kansas pharmacies participating in the program was 8,700 doses last week. These locations are tasked with vaccinating those ages 65+. Kansas has not received any updated information on allocations for this week or future weeks.

## **Federally Qualified Health Centers**

As part of the National Community Health Centers Vaccination Program, about 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout the U.S. will be selected to receive vaccine to target underserved populations over the coming weeks. These doses are not part of the states' allocations and the FQHCs will receive shipments directly. The initial phase of this should begin next week. At this time, two FQHCs in Kansas are anticipated to receive allocations next week, though this is still being finalized at this time. Doses and delivery dates are arranged by the federal government and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) does not know further details. Allocations under this program should be within Phase 2 and follow county prioritization protocols.

## **Back to School Plan**

On February 17, Governor Kelly announced her Back to School Plan, in which counties who need additional vaccine specifically earmarked for teachers and school staff, will receive additional shipments. This vaccine is in addition to the doses they already receive from KDHE each week.

Counties will not receive the total number of doses needed to vaccinate every teacher in the first shipment. Counties should continue with their prioritization plans as already outlined --- but the state will help meet the need for teachers and staff.

As a reminder, K-12 teachers and staff are included in the current phase -- Phase 2 -- of the vaccine distribution framework, along with persons aged 65 and older, people living in congregate settings, and other high-contact critical workers.

## **Doses Administered**

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 418,653 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, which includes both first and second doses.

## **Kansasvaccine.gov**

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and will be updated three times a week. Last week, a “Find My Vaccine” tool was launched on [www.kansasvaccine.gov](#). Two clarifiers were added to the dashboard on February 17, the distributed doses were changed to incorporate the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, rather than the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program for Long Term Care (LTC) facilities. This change includes both the LTC program and pharmacies. The doses distributed by county bar chart’s title was changed to reflect that this is the number of first doses distributed by county. More additions will be made to the [www.kansasvaccine.gov](#) data site soon, so please stay tuned!

## **Communication**

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- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## **Resources**

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

February 11, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age. Johnson & Johnson has applied for an Emergency Use Authorization and the initial hearing is set for February 26.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

22,230 Pfizer Prime  
22,230 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime  
23,500 Moderna Boost

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are being delivered to all 105 counties on a weekly basis. Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program begins this week, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. This week, there are 82 pharmacies over 32 counties who will be given vaccine from the federal government. The allocation to Kansas pharmacies participating in the program is 8,700 doses this week. These locations are tasked with vaccinating those ages 65+.

## Doses Administered

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 333,022 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, which includes both first and second doses.

## Kansasvaccine.gov

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and will be updated three times a week. Last week, a “Find My Vaccine” tool was launched on [www.kansasvaccine.gov](http://www.kansasvaccine.gov).

The Kansas *Find My Vaccine tool* allows Kansans to: Look up nearby COVID-19 vaccine locations; identify which locations have recently received vaccine doses and access contact information for each location to confirm eligibility and availability.

The tool includes locations that are participating in administering COVID-19 vaccines and have provided their information to share with the general public. As federal supply increases, Find My Vaccine will evolve to support the COVID-19 vaccination effort by listing more providers and linking to details and scheduling opportunities as they become available. As the vaccine supply continues to grow, the State asks all enrolled providers who intend to vaccinate the general public to provide their information for Kansans to see in Find My Vaccine. Further information on how to provide information can be found [here](#).

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
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## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

February 4, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age. Two new vaccines are on the horizon, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, but they have yet to begin the Emergency Use Authorization process.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### Next Week Pfizer Projections

18,525 Pfizer Prime  
18,525 Pfizer Boost

#### Next Week Moderna Projections

25,700 Moderna Prime  
17,800 Moderna Boost

Kansas is currently in Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are being delivered to all 105 counties on a weekly basis. Vaccines are coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about the vaccination process for Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

The National Retail Pharmacy Program is set to begin next week, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. Not all of these locations are in the initial roll-out the federal government. Kansas has not received notification of how many doses to expect but anticipates in the neighborhood of 10,000 doses through this program next week.

## Doses Administered

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 249,724 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, which includes both first and second doses.

## Kansasvaccine.gov

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and will be updated three times a week. Yesterday, a “Find My Vaccine” tool was launched on [www.kansasvaccine.gov](http://www.kansasvaccine.gov).

The Kansas *Find My Vaccine tool* allows Kansans to: Look up nearby COVID-19 vaccine locations; identify which locations have recently received vaccine doses and access contact information for each location to confirm eligibility and availability.

The tool includes locations that are participating in administering COVID-19 vaccines and have provided their information to share with the general public. As federal supply increases, Find My Vaccine will evolve to support the COVID-19 vaccination effort by listing more providers and linking to details and scheduling opportunities as they become available. As the vaccine supply continues to grow, the State asks all enrolled providers who intend to vaccinate the general public to provide their information for Kansans to see in Find My Vaccine. Further information on how to provide information [can be found here](#).

## Communication

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## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**January 28, 2021**

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age. Two new vaccines are on the horizon, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, but they have yet to begin the Emergency Use Authorization process.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. Below is the allocations Kansas has received.

#### **Pfizer**

46,890 Pfizer Prime  
24,375 Pfizer Boost (2<sup>nd</sup> dose)  
This Week: 18,525 Prime, 4,875 Boost  
Next Week: 17,550 Prime

#### **Moderna**

118,700 Moderna Prime  
66,100 Moderna Boost  
This Week: 17,800 Prime, 16,900 Boost  
Next week: 23,000 Prime

#### **National Pharmacy Program:**

77,025 Prime  
77,025 Boost

Last week, Kansas moved into Phase 2. All those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers are now prioritized for vaccination, in addition to anyone from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Vaccines are being coordinated at the county level by local health departments. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated to the various population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about when they will begin to vaccinate Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1 who has not received the vaccine.

## Doses Administered

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and will be updated three times a week. Coming soon, KDHE will launch a “Find my Vaccine” mapping tool, so Kansans can locate sites that are offering vaccine administration in their communities.

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 177,350 doses administered as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27 which includes both first and second doses.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

### January 21, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. Below is the allocations Kansas has received.

#### **Pfizer**

28,365 Pfizer Prime

24,375 Pfizer Boost (2<sup>nd</sup> dose)

This Week: 18,525 Pfizer Prime

#### **Moderna**

100,900 Moderna Prime

49,100: Moderna Boost

This week: 17,800 Prime + 17,000 Boost

#### **National Pharmacy Program:**

77,025 Prime

77,025 Boost

The **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is continuing to vaccinate long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The program started providing vaccinations on December 28. The program is anticipated to complete the first-dose clinics over the next two weeks and have begun second-dose administration in some areas. CVS has scheduled 89% of their assigned clinics (353 assigned, 315 scheduled and 212 first clinics complete). Walgreens has scheduled 98% of their assigned clinics (310 assigned, 304 scheduled and 207 first clinics complete).

Additionally, the state has been advised that we should be expecting basically the same allocations for the immediate future. Beginning with orders next week, Pfizer vaccine doses will be calculated as 6 doses per vial rather than the 5 doses per vial. This will create an artificial increase in doses, but Kansas will receive the same number of vials we have been receiving. For example, under this new instruction, 18,525 doses will now be able to be used for 22,230 individuals.

With the move to Phase 2 today, all those aged 65+, those in eligible congregate settings and all high-contact critical workers will now be prioritized for vaccination, in

addition to any one from Phase 1 who has not yet been vaccinated. For details on those populations, visit the [Kansas Prioritization Plan](#).

Approximately 1 million Kansans are in Phase 2 but the next weekly supply of vaccine from the federal government contains approximately 40,000 new first doses so not everyone in Phase 2 will be able to receive their vaccine immediately. Each county, through local health departments, will decide how their limited supply of the doses will be allocated by population groups.

Those in Phase 2 are encouraged to be patient as more information comes out in their local communities. For questions, they should contact their local health departments to learn more about when they will begin to inoculate Phase 2 populations and how they will prioritize within that group or anyone remaining in Phase 1.

## Doses Administered

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics which will be updated three times a week. In the coming weeks, KDHE will launch a “Find my Vaccine” mapping tool, so Kansans can locate sites that are offering vaccine administration in their communities.

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, KSWebIZ. Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 137,575 doses administered as of 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20 which includes both first and second doses.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
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- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**January 13, 2021**

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### **Pfizer Vaccine Allocations**

24,375 Pfizer Prime  
24,375 Pfizer Boost (2<sup>nd</sup> dose)  
This Week: 3,900 Pfizer

#### **Moderna Vaccine Allocations**

83,900 Moderna Prime  
This week: 17,000 Prime  
49,000 Boost

#### **National Pharmacy Program:**

52,650 Prime  
24,000 Boost

The Pfizer doses are being given to the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which provides vaccinations to participating long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The program started providing vaccinations to long-term care facilities the week of December 28. The coordination of vaccination activities will occur directly between CVS/Walgreens and those facilities participating in the program. An FAQ is available at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html).

The Moderna supply continues to be distributed to hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and long-term care facilities that opted-out of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program.

The initial vaccine distribution is geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Distribution among these groups is expected to continue through January. On Tuesday, CDC changed recommendations to include 65+ people in the initial phase. The State vaccine prioritization plan already had 65+ Kansans in the next phase, Phase 2, of the rollout. The limiting factor in rollout speed from the start has been vaccine availability. That the vaccine may come sooner is a good thing, but, depending on how much or how fast the vaccine comes to Kansas, it will require a

significant increase in vaccinating sites and personnel. We are already enrolling vaccination sites and will accelerate the pace of this.

## Doses Administered

CDC is reporting a [data tracker](#) showcasing where vaccines were being administered. There is a reporting delay in the system, so it will not always match state numbers.

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, WebIZ. Through the WebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 93,885 doses administered as of 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13 which includes both first and second doses for some.

## Communication

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- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

### January 7, 2021

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### Pfizer Vaccine Allocations

Week of December 14 – 24,000  
Week of December 21 – 17,550 (LTC)  
Week of December 28 – 17,550 (LTC)  
Week of January 4 – 17,550 (LTC) +  
2<sup>nd</sup> dose of initial 24,000  
Anticipated Week of January 11 – 17,500 (LTC)

#### Moderna Vaccine Allocations

Week of December 21 – 49,000  
Week of December 28 – 17,000  
Week of January 4 – 16,900  
Anticipated Week of January 11 – 17,000

The Pfizer doses are being given to the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which provides vaccinations to participating long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The program started providing vaccinations to long-term care facilities the week of December 28. The coordination of vaccination activities will occur directly between CVS/Walgreens and those facilities participating in the program. An FAQ is available at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html).

The Moderna supply continues to be distributed to hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and long-term care facilities that opted-out of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program.

The initial vaccine distribution is geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Distribution among these groups is expected to continue through January.

#### Doses Administered

Last week, CDC began reporting a [data tracker](#) showcasing where vaccines were being administered. There is a reporting delay in the system and not in the distribution of vaccine – also note that of the 17.28 million doses CDC has reported delivered in the U.S., it is only showing 5.3 million administered.

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, WebIZ. Both systems require provider training at the respective government levels. Training for the state system happens when a provider becomes an authorized user. The federal government provides training. Additionally, there have been delays with users gaining registration information.

Through the WebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 45,872 doses administered as of 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6. KDHE will update its website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov), by 10 a.m. Monday – Friday with the administration number from the previous day.

It is anticipated that over the next several weeks, the trackers will catch up with what Kansas providers are administering. Additionally, Kansas is reviewing options for dashboards to relay numbers of vaccines administered in Kansas on a regular basis.

## Communication

- A new website, [www.KansasVaccine.gov](http://www.KansasVaccine.gov) has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Wednesday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

### December 30, 2020

There are two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21.

#### **Pfizer Vaccine Allocations**

Week of December 14 – 24,000  
Week of December 21 – 17,550 (LTC)  
Week of December 28 – 17,550 (LTC)  
Anticipated Week of January 4 – 17,550 (LTC) +  
2<sup>nd</sup> dose of initial 24,000

#### **Moderna Vaccine Allocations**

Week of December 21 – 49,000  
Week of December 28 – 17,000  
Anticipated Week of January 4 –  
16,900

Vaccine deliveries this week may be delayed due to the weather. The Pfizer doses are being given to the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC)**

**Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which provides vaccinations to participating long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The program started providing vaccinations to long-term care facilities this week. The coordination of vaccination activities will occur directly between CVS/Walgreens and those facilities participating in the program. An FAQ is available at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html).

The Moderna supply is being distributed to hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and long-term care facilities that opted-out of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program across the state who will vaccinate healthcare workers and long-term care residents. Additional vaccinations this week include State of Kansas Continuity of Operations staff, which includes those who provide essential services for the state of Kansas' response.

The initial vaccine distribution is geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Distribution among these groups is expected to continue through January.

Kansas is reviewing options for dashboards to relay numbers of vaccines administered in Kansas. Current numbers of administered vaccines are not available at this time, though we hope to have those in the future.

## Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KSHAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

### December 22, 2020

There are now two authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19. The Moderna vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and 49,000 doses are scheduled to arrive in Kansas this week.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is not for children younger than 16 years of age and the Moderna vaccine is not for children under 18 years of age.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15. This week, 17,550 Pfizer doses are being given to the **Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which will provide vaccinations to participating long-term care facility residents and staff through CVS and/or Walgreens. The coordination of vaccination activities will occur directly between CVS/Walgreens and those facilities participating in the program. An FAQ is available at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html).

The Moderna supply is being distributed to local health departments and federally qualified health centers across the state who will vaccinate healthcare workers. The initial vaccine distribution is geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. Distribution among these groups is expected to continue through January.

Additional vaccine is expected next week, with approximately 17,550 from Pfizer and 20,000 from Moderna. The Pfizer allocation will continue to be used for long-term care and Moderna will be used for healthcare workers.

### Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KSHAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

### Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**December 16, 2020**

There is now an authorized and approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The Pfizer vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and 24,000 doses arrived in Kansas December 14-15.

The Moderna vaccine is scheduled for review by the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on December 17. The FDA will then vote to issue an EUA for the Moderna vaccine. If approved, shipments are anticipated next week.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days after administration of the first dose. The vaccines will not initially be for children (those under 18) or pregnant women.

### Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15. 24,000 doses were received in this initial shipment with more expected in the following weeks. In Kansas, public health has been working on preparing and strategizing for distribution of the vaccine for several months. The [Vaccine Plan](#) can be viewed online.

The initial vaccine distribution will be geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's ACIP recommendations. This distribution is anticipated to take through January.

Additional vaccine is expected the week of December 21, with approximately 28,000 vaccines from Pfizer and 49,000 from Moderna, once approved. The Pfizer allocation is going to the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program through CDC to begin administration of vaccine in long-term care populations. This program is coordinated between the federal government and CVS/Walgreens to provide long-term care facilities with vaccines. An FAQ is available at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html)

Attached is a chart outlining when vaccine is anticipated to be available for population groups. Availability will be dependent upon supply and local distribution will occur. Further details of these breakdowns will be available in the future, following guidelines from the ACIP. Vaccine for the general public is not anticipated until late spring/early summer.

Healthcare workers who are eligible for the first phase of vaccinations should stay tuned to local communication channels regarding when vaccines may be available for them.

The Pfizer Vaccine will continue to be delivered to pre-positioned locations equipped for ultra cold storage throughout Kansas. Due to security reasons, KDHE will not disclose the locations of these facilities. From these locations, vaccine is distributed broadly to provide vaccine coverage to healthcare workers. Moderna will not require ultra-cold storage.

## Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KSHAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

# Expected Vaccine Availability Status to Population Group

Population Group	Very Limited Availability (Winter)	Limited Availability (Late Winter)	Increased Availability (Spring)	Generally Available (Summer)
Health Care Personnel				
Long Term Care Facility Staff				
Long Term Care Residents				
EMS/Frontline Public Health Workers				
First Responders				
Includes some public facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure				
Teachers, school staff, child-care workers				
Individuals at high risk for adverse health consequences				
All other adults				
Children				

*Information and groups may be updated based upon federal guidance.*



## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**December 9, 2020**

In the United States, there is not yet an authorized or approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The next step is for the vaccines to gain Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration. Pfizer and Moderna have both applied for an EUA and a review is scheduled with the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on December 10 for Pfizer and December 17 for Moderna. The FDA Brief on the Pfizer vaccine can be viewed: [www.fda.gov/media/144245/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/144245/download).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met December 1 and voted on recommendations for allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to be used in the initial phase. Their recommendations are for states to target health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities initially.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are each expected to be a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days after administration of the first dose. The vaccines will not initially be for children (those under 18) or pregnant women.

### Kansas News

In Kansas, public health has been working on preparing and strategizing for distribution of the vaccine for several months. The [Vaccine Plan](#) can be viewed online.

Kansas is expected to receive nearly 24,000 doses in the first shipment of the vaccine, which will come from Pfizer. The shipment is expected to be received in mid-December. Additional vaccine is expected the following week, with upwards of 150,000 doses expected by the end of the month.

The initial vaccine distribution will be geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's ACIP recommendations. The initial vaccine distribution and administration activities are anticipated last through January at the earliest.

As far as when other groups of individuals will receive the vaccine, we are still receiving guidance from the federal government, who is supplying the vaccine. We will make this information public as soon as we are able. Vaccine for the general public is not anticipated until late spring/early summer.

The COVID-19 vaccine is not mandated by the state of Kansas. The vaccine itself is free but providers may assess an administration fee. However, no one may be turned away for inability to pay that administration fee.

The Pfizer Vaccine will be delivered to pre-positioned locations equipped for ultra cold storage throughout Kansas. Due to security reasons, KDHE will not disclose the locations of these facilities. From these locations, vaccine will be distributed broadly to provide vaccine coverage to healthcare workers. The Moderna vaccine, once it is received, will not require ultra-cold storage and will be dispersed more widely.

## Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KSHAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**December 2, 2020**

In the United States, there is not yet an authorized or approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The federal government has been working since the pandemic started to make one or more COVID-19 vaccines available as soon as possible. It is still anticipated that the first vaccine will likely gain approval in mid-December.

The next step is for the vaccines to gain Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration. Pfizer and Moderna have both applied for an EUA and a review is scheduled with the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on December 10 for Pfizer and December 17 for Moderna.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met December 1 and voted on recommendations for allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to be used in the initial phase. Their recommendations are for states to target health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities initially. The CDC Director is in the process of signing ACIP's recommendations.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are each expected to be a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days after administration of the first dose.

### Kansas News

In Kansas, public health has been working on preparing and strategizing for distribution of the vaccine for several months. The [Vaccine Plan](#) can be viewed online.

Kansas is expected to receive nearly 24,000 doses in the first shipment of the vaccine, which will come from Pfizer. The shipment is expected to be received in mid-December. Additional vaccine is expected the following week, with upwards of 150,000 doses expected by the end of the month.

The initial vaccine distribution will be geared towards healthcare providers and long-term care residents, in line with CDC's ACIP recommendations.

Vaccine will be delivered to pre-positioned locations equipped for ultra cold storage throughout Kansas. Due to security reasons, KDHE will not disclose the locations of these facilities. From these locations, vaccine will be distributed broadly to provide vaccine coverage to healthcare workers. As vaccine supplies increase, additional populations will be targeted, with the general population expected by late spring/early summer.

## Communication

- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments via KSHAN and to partners every Wednesday.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

## Resources

- CDC - [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**November 25, 2020**

In the United States, there is not yet an authorized or approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The federal government has been working since the pandemic started to make one or more COVID-19 vaccines available as soon as possible. Likely, mid-December is when the first vaccine will gain approval.

In recent weeks, there has been quite a bit about several vaccines in the media regarding their successful trials. Pfizer and Moderna have both issued press releases indicating strong vaccine effectiveness among participants in their Phase 3 clinical trials.

The next step is for the vaccines to gain Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration. Pfizer has applied for an EUA and a review is scheduled with the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) for December 10. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will likely schedule a meeting the following day to review the EUA and determine vaccine recommendations. Once the ACIP recommendations are reviewed, approved, and signed by the CDC Director then the vaccines can be given to the public. Moderna has not submitted an EUA at this time.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are each expected to be a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days after administration of the first dose.

### Kansas News

In Kansas, public health has been working on preparing and strategizing for distribution of the vaccine for several months. The [Vaccine Plan](#) can be viewed online.

Kansas does not know how many doses will be received for the state – the amount fluctuates routinely. It is expected that Kansas will receive a small supply after the initial EUA is approved, followed by larger shipments as the vaccine supply increases. The initial targets of the vaccine will be healthcare workers, followed by other essential workers, those 65 years of age and older, those at risk for developing complications of COVID-19, and the general population.

Kansas is planning for the first vaccines to be delivered in mid-December. Vaccine will be delivered to pre-positioned locations equipped for ultra cold storage throughout Kansas. Due to security reasons, KDHE will not disclose the locations of these facilities. From these locations, vaccine will be distributed broadly to provide vaccine coverage to healthcare workers. As vaccine supplies increase, additional populations will be targeted.

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## Resources

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