

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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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.

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 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