

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) +
2nd 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.

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