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Information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations

JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of March 8

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – March 5, 2021) Johnson County Department of Health and Environment is focused on providing vaccinations for some of our county’s vulnerable populations, including those who are homebound, without a permanent home or have a disability.

“Our vaccination plans focus on equity and fairness,” said Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. “It is imperative that all adults have access to the COVID-19 vaccine, no matter their situation.”

JCDHE is taking the following actions to ensure vaccination equity:

- **Those with transportation needs:** This week, JCDHE provided transportation for around a dozen people in the 80 and older age group who needed assistance getting to one of our clinics.
- **Homebound population** – JCDHE’s Outreach Nurses will visit residents who are homebound to vaccinate them over the next few weeks.
- **Vaccinations in homeless shelters, those staying in other shelters and other highly impacted populations** will begin next week. JCDHE is partnering with United Community Services, Health Partnership Clinic, Salvation Army, Safelife, Project 1020, and others.
- **Vaccinations of residents that have an intellectual or developmental disability** are set to begin. JCDHE is working with Johnson County Developmental Supports and Heartland Homecare Services.

The following is Johnson County’s vaccination plan for the **week of March 8**. If we do not receive our allotted doses for next week, these plans are subject to change.

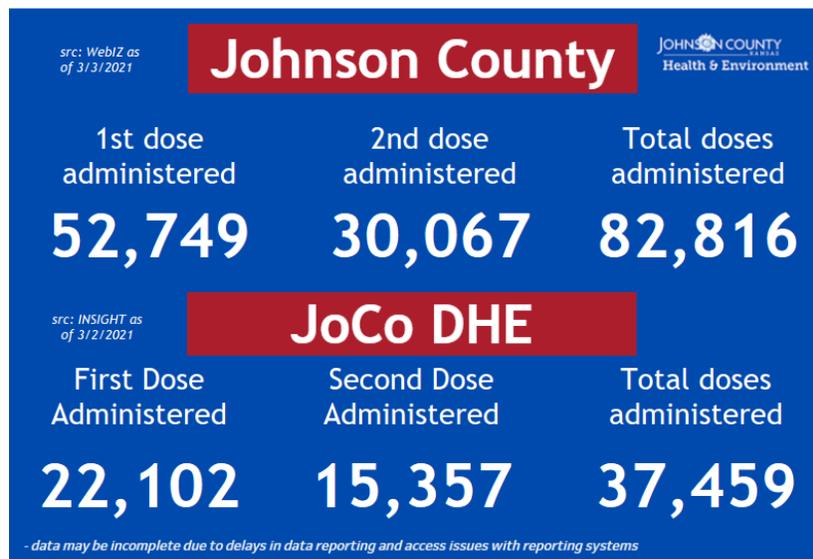
- **65+ population** – JCDHE will continue to offer appointments for those age 65 and older. This includes people 80 and older who still need to get vaccinated.

Johnson County hospital systems – AdventHealth, Menorah, Overland Park Regional, Olathe Health, KU-Med, St. Luke’s Hospital are offering vaccinations. Visit their websites for more information.

- **K-12 public and private school staff and daycare providers** – These individuals will continue to be vaccinated through Children’s Mercy next week at various locations. Eligible staff should receive information from their school or district administration. Vaccinations for this group are very close to being completed.
- **Health care workers who missed their first dose** – For health care workers who need their first dose, please complete this survey jocogov.org/healthcaresurvey to assess the number of people in this category.
- **Federal Pharmacy Retail Program** – began mid-February, see jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine for additional information.

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has provided well over 74,000 first-dose vaccines, either at its own clinics or through our health care system partners. This includes our county’s educators, school staff and childcare providers.

Vaccine distribution data



JCDHE is now automatically scheduling second-dose appointments exactly three weeks after the first vaccine at the same day and time. More information is available on [our second-dose webpage](#).

People eligible for Phase 2 should take the [county’s interest form](#) if they haven’t yet. They will receive a follow-up email or phone call from the county on how to book an appointment when doses become available. We are regularly monitoring our data to ensure that everyone who takes this survey is being contacted when they are eligible for an appointment.

We will keep the public updated on next week's plans and the status of our dose allotment at jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine. Those with questions about vaccinations can contact us at jcdhe@jocogov.org or by phone at 913-715-2819.

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