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Information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations

JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of March 15

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – March 12, 2021) The following is Johnson County’s vaccination plan for the **week of March 15, which focuses on Phases 1 and 2**. If we do not receive our allotted doses for next week, these plans are subject to change.

- **The remaining categories in Phase 2** – including grocery store workers, restaurant/bar workers and bus/transportation workers. For a full list of those in Phase 2, please see <https://jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine/what-phase-am-i-in> Johnson County hospital systems – AdventHealth, Menorah, Overland Park Regional, Olathe Health, KU-Med, St. Luke’s Hospital are offering vaccinations to those in phase 2. Links to their websites [are available here](#).
- **65+ population** – JCDHE will continue to offer appointments for those age 65 and older. This includes people 80 and older who still need to be vaccinated.
- **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 first doses are close to being completed.
- **Federal Pharmacy Retail Program** – began mid-February, see jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine for additional information.

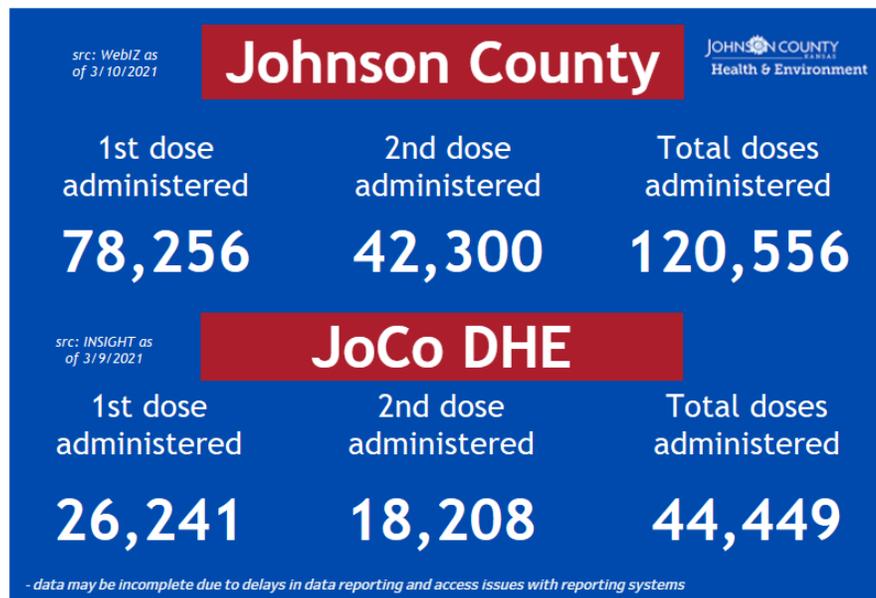
“Our vaccination plans focus on getting vaccines into arms as quickly as possible,” said Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. “Our goal is that all adults who want a vaccine, have access to the COVID-19 vaccine, no matter their situation.”

JCDHE is taking the following actions to ensure vaccination equity:

- **Those with transportation needs:** This week, JCDHE continued to assess those who need transportation and will provide a vaccination clinic next week for about people in the 65 and older age group.
- **Homebound population** – JCDHE’s Outreach Nurses will continue to visit residents who are homebound to vaccinate them. This service can be requested in the online interest survey.
- **Vaccinations in homeless shelters, those staying in other shelters and other highly impacted populations** began this week and will continue as needed. JCDHE is partnering with United Community Services, Health Partnership Clinic, Salvation Army, Safehome, Project 1020, and others.
- **Vaccinations of residents who have an intellectual or developmental disability** are set to begin. JCDHE is working with Johnson County Developmental Supports and Heartland Homecare Services.

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has provided well over 104,000 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 Pfizer 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](#).

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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