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Information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations

JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of March 22

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – March 19) The following is Johnson County's vaccination plan for the **week of March 22, which focuses on those remaining in Phases 1 and 2, and adds Phases 3 and 4.** This is in accordance with the updated Kansas Department of Health and Environment Vaccination Plan. If we do not receive our allotted doses for next week, these plans are subject to change.

- **New online survey** – this survey combines all phases. Anyone in Phases 1-4 who has not completed a previous survey is encouraged to complete the new All Phases vaccine interest survey. The link to the survey is: jocogov.org/interestsurvey, en español: jocogov.org/encuestadeinteres
- **The new location for vaccination clinics, in Lenexa**, will be available beginning March 22
- **Anyone in Phase 1** still needing their first or second dose can make an appointment online for a vaccine clinic as appointments are available.
- **All categories in Phase 2 (first and second doses)** – including grocery store workers, restaurant/bar workers and bus/transportation workers are eligible for vaccination. For a full list of those in Phase 2, please see jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine/what-phase-am-i-in
- **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. A text/email poll was sent to those 65+. Those who responded that they are not vaccinated will be targeted to receive information about making an appointment.
- **Johnson County hospital systems** – AdventHealth, Menorah, Overland Park Regional, Olathe Health, KU-Med and St. Luke's Hospital are offering vaccinations to those in Phases 2, 3 and 4. These hospital systems are making plans to vaccinate staff in higher education. Links to their websites [are available](#).
- **K-12 public and private school staff and daycare providers** – These individuals will continue to be vaccinated with their second dose through

Children’s Mercy next week at various locations. Eligible staff should receive information from their school or district administration.

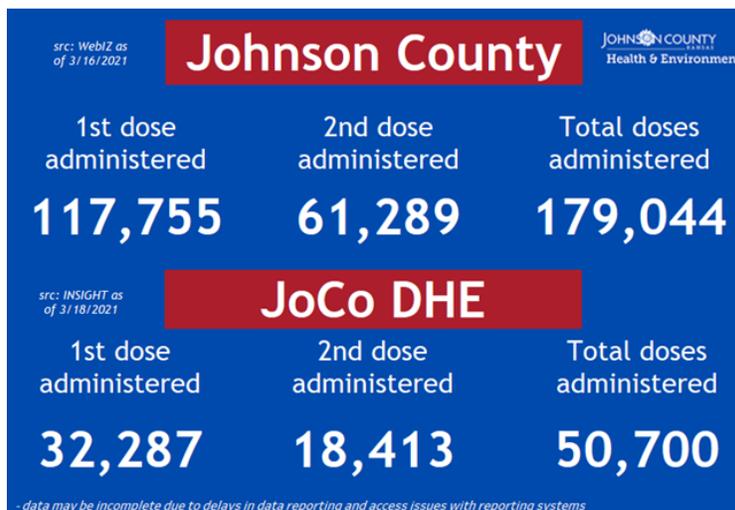
- **Federal Pharmacy Retail Program** – see jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine for additional information.

“JCDHE is happy to include additional phases per the state’s vaccination update this week,” said Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. “It will take some time to work through all the phases, but our vaccination plans continue to focus on getting vaccines into arms as quickly as possible.”

JCDHE is taking the following actions to ensure vaccination equity:

- **Those with transportation needs:** This week, JCDHE offered transportation to a vaccine clinic for those needing it and will continue to provide these opportunities.
- **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** 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** have begun. JCDHE is working with Johnson County Developmental Supports and Heartland Homecare Services.

JCDHE has provided well over 229,000 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.



JCDHE is now automatically scheduling Pfizer second-dose appointments exactly three weeks after the first vaccine for 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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