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Important information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations

JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of Feb. 1

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – Jan. 29, 2021) Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of the Department of Health and Environment, announced Jan. 28 at the regular meeting of the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners the following vaccination plans for the **week of Feb. 1:**

- Health care workers who are due for the second dose of vaccine have been contacted or will be contacted if their due date is later than Feb. 6. Appointments are being scheduled via a unique link.
- The county will continue vaccinating any remaining persons in the 80+ population. Please complete the interest form. Those who have successfully completed the [county's interest form](#) and have not been vaccinated will receive a follow-up email or phone call from the county on how to book an appointment. We are regularly monitoring our data to ensure that everyone who takes this survey is being contacted when they are eligible for an appointment.
- For the 65+ population, if they have been a patient at either Olathe Health or AdventHealth within the past three years, they will be contacted about appointments as the vaccine becomes available. These health systems are still booking appointments, but do not call for an appointment. You will be contacted by them.
- Children's Mercy will vaccinate K-12 public school special education staff and Kansas School for the Deaf staff next week. Eligible staff should receive information from their school or district administration.
- Next week, JCDHE will vaccinate first responders (fire, police and Sheriff's Office.)
- As this is a monumental effort to undertake with very limited supplies of vaccine, we understand the level of frustration this has created in the community. Currently, JCDHE has a team of 6-8 people attempting to answer thousands of

calls each day. Because we have received many voicemail messages from residents, the department has added volunteers to return those calls, as well as hired an additional nine contractors to assist with this effort next week.

Get more information about the vaccinations in Johnson County at jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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