

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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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)
Week of January 4 – 17,550 (LTC) +
2nd dose of initial 24,000
Anticipated Week of January 11 – 17,500 (LTC)

Moderna Vaccine Allocations

Week of December 21 – 49,000
Week of December 28 – 17,000
Week of January 4 – 16,900
Anticipated Week of January 11 – 17,000

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 the week of December 28. 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 continues to be distributed to hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and long-term care facilities that opted-out of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program.

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.

Doses Administered

Last week, CDC began reporting a [data tracker](#) showcasing where vaccines were being administered. There is a reporting delay in the system and not in the distribution of vaccine – also note that of the 17.28 million doses CDC has reported delivered in the U.S., it is only showing 5.3 million administered.

In Kansas, vaccine administrators are required to report information to both a federal system, Vaccine Finder, and a state system, WebIZ. Both systems require provider training at the respective government levels. Training for the state system happens when a provider becomes an authorized user. The federal government provides training. Additionally, there have been delays with users gaining registration information.

Through the WebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 45,872 doses administered as of 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6. KDHE will update its website, www.KansasVaccine.gov, by 10 a.m. Monday – Friday with the administration number from the previous day.

It is anticipated that over the next several weeks, the trackers will catch up with what Kansas providers are administering. Additionally, Kansas is reviewing options for dashboards to relay numbers of vaccines administered in Kansas on a regular basis.

Communication

- A new website, www.KansasVaccine.gov has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Wednesday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

Resources

- CDC - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html