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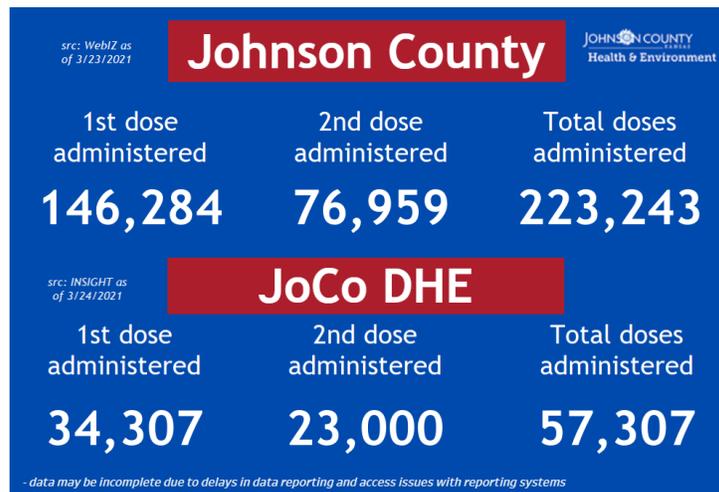
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Information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations

JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of March 29

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – March 26) In accordance with the most recent communication from the Governor’s Office, Johnson County will include those in phase 5 starting Monday, March 29th. Everyone 16 and older who lives or works in Johnson County will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

Currently, 75% (67,682) of residents 65 or older have had at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 39% (35,608) are fully immunized. JCDHE expects to receive 19,720 first doses of vaccine next week, the most we have received for a week.



The following is Johnson County’s vaccination plan for the **week of March 29, which includes Phases 1 through 5 and focuses on those in Phases 1 and 2 who have not received their vaccine yet.** JCDHE follows the 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.

- **Phases 1 – 5** – JCDHE will provide first doses for those eligible for Phases 1 -5 at the Lenexa vaccination site. Anyone in Phases 1-5 who has not completed a previous survey is encouraged to complete the All Phases vaccine interest survey. The link to the survey is: jocogov.org/interestsurvey, [en español](#) See an instructional video on how to take the survey: <https://youtu.be/CXXpPBD7pVA>
- **Anyone in Phase 1** still needing their first or second dose, please complete the all-phases survey, and you will be contacted to make an appointment as vaccine 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 were 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, 4 and 5. 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** – Vaccinations in this group will be finished next week with their second dose through Children’s Mercy 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 encourages eligible people to take the All Phases Survey so you can get your vaccine,” 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 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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