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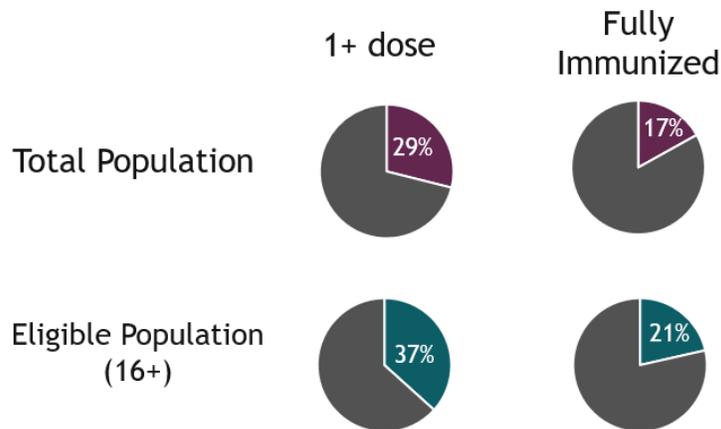
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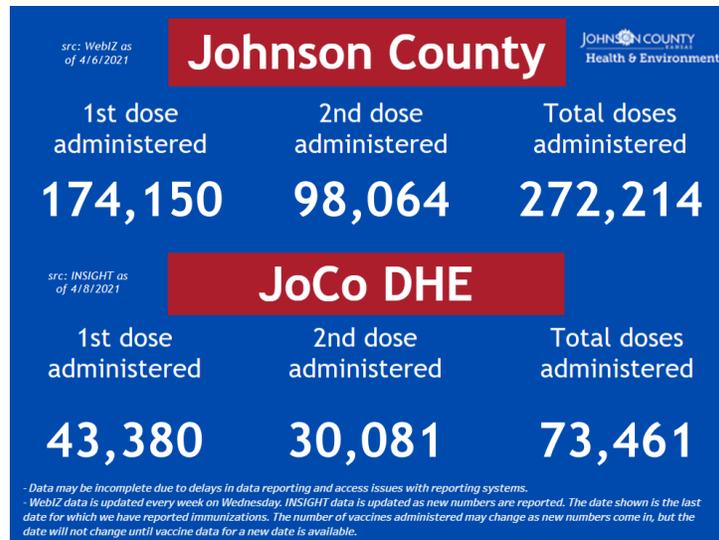
**Information from JCDHE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations**

*JCDHE director outlines vaccination plans for the week of April 12*

**(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – April 9)** Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) expanded COVID-19 vaccination hours, this week, to include evening and weekend availability. More details on clinic hours are listed below.

Currently, JCDHE data show that 37% of the total eligible (16 years of age and older) Johnson County population has had at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 21% of the total eligible Johnson County population is fully immunized. JCDHE expects to receive 18,840 first doses of vaccine next week.





“We are happy that so many of our residents are interested in receiving a vaccine and that vaccines are becoming more plentiful in our county,” said Dr. Sanmi Areola, JCDHE director. “We encourage all eligible people to get a vaccine. It is safe and effective in preventing serious illness.”

The following is Johnson County’s vaccination plan for the **week of April 12, which includes Phases 1 through 5**. 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.

- **Phases 1 – 5** – JCDHE will provide first doses for those eligible for Phases 1 -5 at the Lenexa vaccination site. Appointments at the Lenexa clinic will be 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday (April 13-15), and 9 a.m. – noon, on Saturday (April 17).
- **65+ population** – JCDHE will continue to offer appointments for those age 65 and older.
- **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 2-5. These hospital systems are also vaccinating staff in higher education. Links to their websites [are available](#).
- **Federal Pharmacy Retail Program** – <https://vaccinefinder.org> for additional information.

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 by calling 913-715-2819.
- **Vaccinations in homeless shelters, those staying in other shelters and other highly impacted populations** will continue as needed. JCDHE is working with community partners to offer these vaccinations.
- **Vaccinations of residents who have an intellectual or developmental disability** are completed through Johnson County Developmental Supports and Heartland Homecare Services.

JCDHE is 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](http://jocogov.org/covid-19-vaccine).

Those with questions about vaccinations can contact us at [jcdhe@jocogov.org](mailto:jcdhe@jocogov.org) or by phone at 913-715-2819.

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