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COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

The Miami County Health Department is releasing the following COVID-19 vaccine distribution guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The recommendations are based on currently available data and science, as well as other expert analysis from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

The goals of Miami County's vaccine distribution are to:

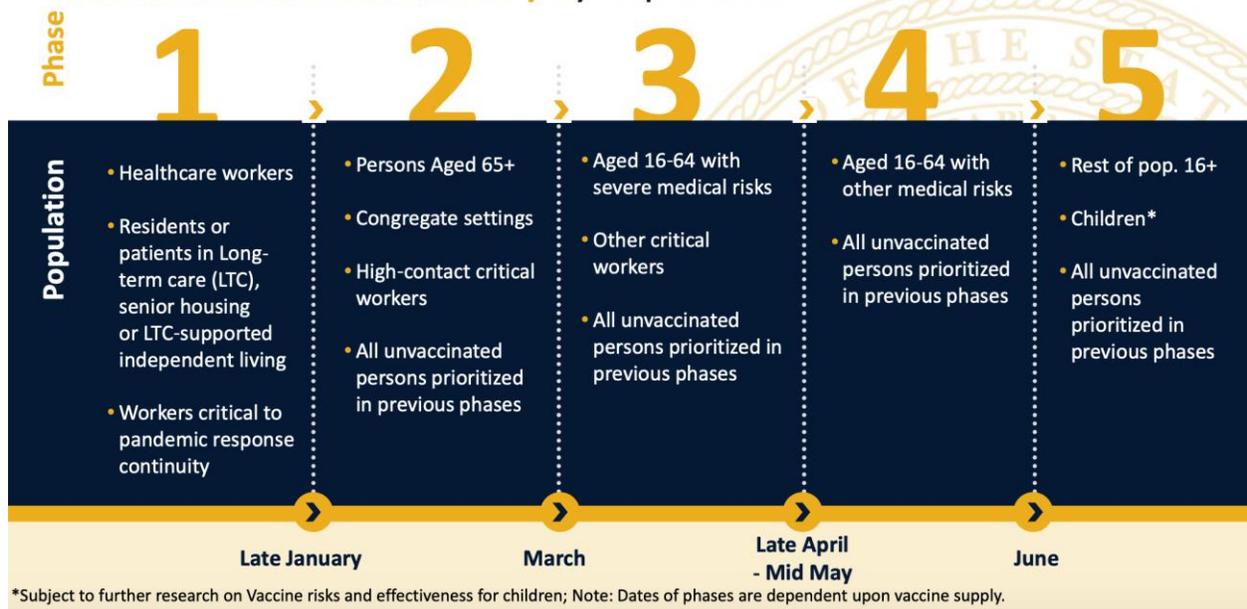
- Ensure safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines
- Reduce transmission, morbidity, mortality of COVID-19 disease
- Help minimize disruption to society and economy, including maintaining healthcare capacity and other critical infrastructure across the county
- Ensure equity in vaccine allocation and distribution

Other considerations critical to COVID-19 vaccine program planning:

- Plan evaluations to rapidly monitor vaccine safety, efficacy and coverage
- Community partners and stakeholder engagement
- Creation and implementation of communication strategies to promote vaccination in target groups throughout the county
- Development and implementation of information technology tools to assist in collection, dissemination and distribution of COVID-19-related material and resources

The guidance in this document may change as additional scientific evidence becomes available and the findings dictating practice expand; including but not limited to: further research on vaccine risks and effectiveness for children. This document will also offer flexibility to administer vaccine based on local epidemiology, demand and vaccine allocation on a continuum.

Kansas Vaccination Phases | By Population



This state plan is subject to change. Questions about the plan can be directed to KDHE:

- Phone: [1-866-534-3463](tel:1-866-534-3463) (1-866-KDHEINF)
- Email: covid-19@ks.gov
- Website at kdheks.gov

As of January 27, 2021, Miami County has entered Phase 2 of vaccination distribution, and has already begun distributing COVID-19 vaccines among groups identified in Phase 2 for those previously not vaccinated in Phase 1, residents 65 years and older, those who live and work in congregate settings, and high-contact essential workers.

Miami County Health Department has launched a survey platform for residents to complete a survey at: <https://miamicounty-miami-county-ks-health-dept.app.transform.civicplus.com/>. This form allows residents to indicate their interest in receiving the vaccine and will allow Miami County Health Department to prioritize based on the Kansas Vaccination Phases. The individuals will then be notified via telephone and/or email when appointments become available with instructions regarding how to schedule an appointment, the time and location, and what to bring with them.

Completing this survey does not create an appointment or reserve a vaccine, but it will help planners identify which phase individuals qualify for and will help streamline the notification and scheduling process as more vaccine doses become available throughout the state and county. To prepare for your appointment, please visit: <https://www.dispenseassist.net/Covid.html> fill out the online form and have it with you for your appointment time, or have it ready in case you are called in as a recipient on the “stand-by” list on short notice.

For residents without access to a computer, a friend or family member can submit the interest form on their behalf. If residents still require additional assistance filling out the form, please contact Miami County Health Department at: 913-294-2431. Staff and/or volunteers will assist individuals in filling the form out. Based on staff for any given day, a message may be left for assistance and someone will return calls during business hours as quickly as they can, in the order in which the calls are received.

“Given that everyone in Phase 2 is considered critical and a priority, Miami County will focus on equitable distribution to where each group identified will receive an allocation of doses every scheduled vaccination clinic through the health department. We are hoping to have at least two vaccine clinics scheduled per week, and the number of people scheduled will be based on the amount of vaccine received from KDHE, as well as staff and volunteer availability on any given week” said Rita McKoon, Health Director of Miami County Health Department. “We understand that this means not every group will receive a large allocation of doses each week, but we feel this approach allows us to move through Phase 2 together as a community.”

As doses become available in Miami County, they will be distributed equitably across the following groups:

- residents 65 years old and older
- local government essential workers
- education and childcare sectors
- food service industry
- workers critical to the functioning of the community
- those who work or live in congregate care settings; and
- anyone eligible in Phase 1 yet to be vaccinated.

Miami County Nurse Epidemiologist Christena Beer estimates approximately 11,000 Miami County residents could qualify for Phase 2 and approximately 3,500-4,500 additional vaccine is needed from KDHE to complete Phase II, based on the average willingness of workers within each organization, and within the county, as a whole. During Phase 1, Miami County received approximately 300 doses a week from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. “Miami County Health Department has set forth a Phase 2 plan that calls for vaccinating up to 300-500 people per week, and if more vaccine supplies would be made available in the future in a single allotment or on a consistent basis, we expect to have the ability to double or triple that amount by holding a mass vaccination clinic at an off-site location” said Beer.

“We are creating this plan to be as flexible as possible so we can respond in an equitable and timely manner to the amount of COVID-19 doses that Miami County receives in any given week, all while also considering the needs of the entire community, acknowledging that everyone in Phase 2 is a priority to us” Miami County Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Whelan said. “We understand that our residents are eager to be vaccinated, and that is a very good thing. With the very limited amount of doses that we are currently receiving, we encourage everyone to be patient as we work to vaccinate everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine.”

Health systems, Health Partnership Clinic, pharmacies and other providers in Miami and surrounding counties have begun to contact patients to gauge interest in receiving the vaccine. People in Phase 1 and 2 should also contact their primary care provider to inquire about vaccine availability.

Healthcare providers who want to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to their patients or staff can email a request to KDHE at kdhe.COVIDEnrollment@ks.gov. KDHE will send the healthcare provider an enrollment form and instructions on how to order, store and administer the vaccine.

Facts about the COVID-19 vaccine

- [CDC facts about the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients of the Vaccine](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients of the Vaccine](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)

For more information, visit:

- Kansasvaccine.gov
- [Vaccine Prioritization Plan](#) - PDF
- [Prioridad de Vacunación contra COVID-19](#) - PDF
- [Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) - PDF
- [KDHE's weekly vaccine update](#)
- [CDC: When Vaccine is Limited, Who Gets Vaccinated First?](#)

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