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Linn County Health Department to begin Phase 2 of Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Governor Laura Kelly announced last week that Kansas counties can proceed to Phase 2 under the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Linn County Health Department will begin vaccinating those eligible in phase 2, beginning with 65 years and older in upcoming vaccination clinics by appointment only. We have over 500 registered interested eligible residents and we plan to call to schedule appointments for those individuals with detailed instructions on where to go, and what to bring with you. At the time of this release we expect approximately 350 appointments available. The number of appointments available are dependent on the vaccine supply that we have or receive. We expect this process of Phase 2 to take many weeks to vaccinate everyone in this phase and continue to ask for your patience.

Linn County is allotted very limited quantities from the state of Kansas and as doses become more widely available, we will have opportunity to be able to vaccinate additional individuals.

Because vaccine allocation is so limited at this time, Linn County does not know when or how often we will receive vaccines from the state of Kansas, Linn County Health Department has set up a COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Registration list for Linn county residents who are eligible in Phase 2 for future vaccination clinics. Individuals can go online to fill out the survey at <https://linncountyks.com/> or call our 913 795-7302, COVID-19 line to register for future clinics.

To stay up to date on future COVID-19 vaccination clinics and alerts, do the following:

Register for Linn County Everbridge notification alerts and subscribe to: County Alerts at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612434#/signup>

"Like" our Linn County Health Department Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/linncountyhealthdepartment>

Stay up to date on Linn County, KS website, at: <https://linncountyks.com/>

Phase 2 of Kansas' Vaccination Plan includes:

Phase 2 Guidelines:

- Persons age 65 and older
- High-contact critical workers necessary to maintain systems, assets, and activities that are vital to the state security, the economy or public health, or who interact with large numbers of contacts and job-related COVID-19 exposure. COVID-19 risk is associated with the likelihood of infecting oneself or spreading the virus. Factors that increase risk include proximity, type of

contact, duration of contacts and challenges to implement protective measures. This includes:

- o Firefighters, police officers, first responders, and correction officers
- o Grocery store workers and food services
- o K-12 and childcare workers, including teachers, custodians, drivers, & other staff
- o Food processing, including meat processing plants
- o Large-scale aviation manufacturing plants
- o Transportation workers
- o Workers in retail, agriculture, supply of critical services or materials for COVID-19 response, the U.S. Postal Service, and Department of motor vehicles (if they regularly need to be in high risk setting to perform their duties)
- Those living or working in licensed congregate settings and other special care or congregate environments where social distancing is not possible, including:
 - o Homeless shelters
 - o Congregate childcare institutions
 - o Emergency shelters or safe houses
 - o Corrections facilities
 - o Behavioral health institutions
 - o Adult Care homes, residents and staff in home plus facilities not covered in Phase 1
 - o Senior Living Homes
 - o Home caregivers (paid or unpaid), personal care aides

Resources:

<https://governor.kansas.gov/governor-laura-kelly-announces-kansas-moves-to-phase-2-of-covid-19-vaccine-distribution/>

<https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/>

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/284/COVID-19-Vaccine>

<https://linncountyks.com/>

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