

VACCINE NEWS: WEEKLY REVIEW

THIS WEEK'S PROGRESS

- On Feb. 8, Governor Andy Beshear said for the fifth straight week, the state distributed more vaccines than it received in first doses from the federal government. Of all the first doses received, 91% were already administered.
- Also, on Feb. 8, the Governor updated Kentuckians on the demographics of those vaccinated and said the [data](#) will be produced every week to track progress and to be held accountable.
- As reported on Feb. 9, CVS Health vaccinations were 88% complete in the state's long-term care facilities and 79% complete in assisted living facilities. Walgreens vaccinations were 100% complete in long-term care facilities and 90% complete in assisted living facilities.
- Vaccinations have begun for [Supports for Community Living \(SCL\)](#) residents. 1,110 SCL residents out of 3,524 have already been immunized.
- On Feb. 11, Gov. Beshear announced more than 150 vaccination sites: six new regional sites, new mobile clinics, 10 Kroger and 15 Walmart stores, and 125 pharmacies will now offer COVID-19 vaccines. See the [full release](#).

NEXT WEEK'S GOALS

- The federal government increased Kentucky's vaccine supply for the third time in three weeks, this time by 6%, for a total increase of 28% from what the state was previously receiving three weeks ago.
- Numerous initiatives across the state, where the work to provide equitable access for the vaccine, have come to fruition. Initiatives include [Blue Grass Community Action Partnership](#), offering free transportation to and from two regional vaccination sites for residents in 11 counties; Norton Healthcare, launching vaccine clinics to reach at-risk, underserved individuals ages 70 or older in Louisville at St. Stephen Baptist Church and Bates Memorial Baptist Church; University of Kentucky, offering four outreach clinics on successive Saturdays, targeting areas with underserved populations due to race, language or other barriers; and rural health clinics, providing local outreach to assist vulnerable populations with access to the vaccine.

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Governor said addressing equity in vaccine distribution requires looking at three root causes: programmatic causes, as the state needs to take additional, intentional steps to make vaccination programs more equitable; societal causes, because minority Kentuckians are not equally represented in medicine and education, so they were underrepresented among the first to be vaccinated; and historic causes of vaccine hesitancy among minority Kentuckians.
- Kentuckians can visit vaccine.ky.gov to learn more about signing up for appointments at locations across the commonwealth. Also, the hotline – 855-598-2246 or TTY 855-326-4654 (for deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians) – is available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.
- Vaccine data, resources, FAQs, links to information: kycovid19.ky.gov.



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