VACCINE NEWS: WEEKLY REVIEW

THIS WEEK'S PROGRESS

- On March 1, the Kentucky COVID-19 vaccination eligibility phase advanced to 1C. Phases 1A and 1B individuals remain eligible to receive the vaccine.
- The first Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses arrived in the state this week and delivered to independent pharmacies.
- The approval of Johnson & Johnson's one-shot, highly effective vaccine adds to the growing weekly supply available to Kentucky that has risen in just over a month from around 57,000 to over 100,000 first doses and growing.
- On March 4, Gov. Andy Beshear announced 157 new vaccination sites, including one new regional site at Baptist Health La Grange, bringing the state's total number of vaccination locations to 567.
- New locations also include 10 Kroger sites, 10 Walmart sites and 136 independent pharmacies. To see lists of all sites, organized by program and provider brand, visit <u>vaccine.ky.gov</u> or <u>kycovid19.ky.gov/ky-covid-vaccine</u>.

NEXT WEEK'S GOALS

- On March 2, the White House COVID-19 Response Team told governors the supply of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to states will increase from 14.5 million doses to 15.2 million doses per week. 2.8 million Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be shipped in the same period; in total, 18 million doses will be sent to states this week.
- Equitable distribution is a foundational piece of vaccine distribution. This administration will continue its outreach, and the Department for Public Health's Office of Health Equity will continue to be engaged in all aspects of vaccine rollout and help build on the commitment to equity.

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Governor said vaccine locations are getting closer and closer to each Kentuckian. The President announced earlier this week that every American adult who wants a shot can get their shot of hope by the end of May.
- Kentucky's COVID-19 vaccine website, <u>vaccine.ky.gov</u>, shows Kentuckians which phase they are in specifically. Individuals can sign up for notifications so state officials can communicate with them when doses become available at new and existing sites.
- Kentuckians can find free or reduced-cost transportation services near them by heading to kycovid19.ky.gov for a full list of participating public transit agencies and their phone numbers. Or, call the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline, 855-598-2246.
- Continue to social distance, wear a face mask in public, and wash your hands, even if you have received the vaccine.
- Vaccine data, resources, FAQs, links to information: <u>kycovid19.ky.gov</u>.



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