

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

March 25, 2021

There are three authorized and approved vaccines to prevent COVID-19, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen (also known as Johnson & Johnson). The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a 2-dose series, with the second vaccine needed 21 to 28 days, respectively, after administration of the first dose. The Pfizer vaccine is for anyone 16 years of age and older and the Moderna vaccine is anyone 18 years of age or older. The Janssen is a one-dose vaccine for anyone 18 years of age or older.

Kansas News

Kansas received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccines on December 14-15, the first Moderna vaccines were received the week of December 21. The first Janssen vaccines were received the week of March 1.

Next Week Pfizer Projections

47,970 Pfizer Prime
38,100 Pfizer Boost

Next Week Moderna Projections

27,800 Moderna Prime
27,800 Moderna Boost

Next Week Janssen Projections

16,500

Kansas moved into Phases 3 and 4 on Monday, March 22. These phases include those with pre-existing conditions (adults between the ages of 16-64 years) and those who critical workers who are potentially exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace. Further details of who is included in these phases is available in our [Prioritization Plan](#). Local public health departments will continue to prioritize those within their own counties. Kansans who wish to locate a vaccine site near them are encouraged to go to [Find My Vaccine](#).

Phase 3 and 4 is expected to be completed towards the end of April, with general population vaccination starting in May. These dates continue to be dependent upon the vaccine available from the Federal Government.

Kansas initially was expecting an increase in the Janssen vaccine the week of March 29. The full supply of vaccine expected from Janssen has been delayed due to production issues and may not be ready to ship until the second or third week of April. In an attempt to boost the Janssen supply, Merck – another international pharmaceutical company – has agreed to help manufacture Janssen’s COVID-19 vaccine.

Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program began the week of February 8, with the Federal Government sending vaccines directly to enrolled pharmacies. In Kansas, there are 12 pharmacy chains with more than 400 locations enrolled. To date, Kansas pharmacies have received about 242,435 doses.

Doses Administered

Kansas has reached more than 1 million doses administered this week! Through the KSWebIZ system, Kansas is reporting 1,067,865 doses have been administered as of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, which includes both first and second doses.

Kansasvaccine.gov

A [vaccine dashboard](#) is available that includes key metrics and is updated three times a week.

Communication

- A new website, www.KansasVaccine.gov has been released and is being updated regularly with new information.
- KDHE is disseminating these weekly updates on vaccine developments to partners every Thursday or other date, as indicated.
- Other communications are in development and will be communicated as available.

Resources

- CDC - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html