VACCINE NEWS: WEEKLY REVIEW

THIS WEEK'S PROGRESS

- On Feb. 1, Governor Andy Beshear announced for the past four weeks, Kentucky had administered more initial doses than it received from the federal government.
- In partnership with Kroger Health, the state's first regional vaccination site at Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Fayette County opened on Feb. 2. Each week the site is expected to vaccinate approximately 3,000 Kentuckians with the priority going to those 70 and older.
- On Feb. 4, Gov. Beshear <u>announced</u> four new regional COVID-19 vaccination sites, in Bowling Green, Covington, Glasgow and Murray.

NEXT WEEK'S GOALS

- The federal COVID-19 team will increase Kentucky's vaccine supply by an additional 5%. In total, the state's supply will increase by 22% the week of Feb. 8 compared with the week of Jan. 25.
- Week of Feb. 8 allocation: Pfizer 28,275; Moderna 40,200
- On Feb. 4, Public Health Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack announced for the next three weeks, every district health department would receive a population-proportionate vaccine allocation for the local health department director to utilize within their district, with a minimum allocation of 100 doses per county.
- The federal government will ship a little more than 13,000 doses for 47 independent pharmacies and approximately 90 Walgreens pharmacies distributed across Kentucky with an emphasis on communities with a high social vulnerability index. Dr. Stack said as soon as this coming Thursday, these pharmacies may be able to start operating through this program.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Kentucky is on track to become the first state to vaccinate educators.
- With concerns in the commonwealth and across the country about distributing vaccines equitably, Gov. Beshear is partnering with faith leaders to educate communities and address vaccine hesitancy on the front end. To learn more, see the <u>full release</u>.
- Kentuckians not currently eligible or unable to locate an available vaccine are encouraged to sign up for text or email updates at vaccine.ky.gov. The signup is not a wait list or appointment scheduler, but provides alerts when a person's eligibility changes, or, when vaccines are available in an area. In addition, the hotline 855-598-2246 or TTY 855-326-4654 (for hard-of-hearing Kentuckians) is available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday Friday.
- Resources, FAQs, links to information: kycovid19.ky.gov.

