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Topeka Kan. – The Shawnee County COVID-19 Response Team Phase 2 vaccine distribution weekly update includes the number of vaccines delivered and administered from the Shawnee County Vaccine Collaborative. The vaccine collaborative includes Stormont Vail Health, The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus, GraceMed, VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System and the Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD).

The SCHD and the Vaccine Collaborative are now planning for the Pfizer vaccine to provide six doses per vial. The extra doses pulled from the vials will continue to be undertaken in accordance with the Kansas Department of Health Environment (KDHE) guidelines, which has previously ruled that this will allow for more scheduled vaccinations versus the five doses per vial originally.

SCHD did receive last week's vaccine allocation of 2,340 prime doses. This allocation was delayed several days by weather but did arrive on Friday, February 19, 2021.

SCHD anticipates the weekly allocation of 2,340 prime doses will arrive on time this week, and they are expected by Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Further, in accordance with our second week of K-12 vaccinations SCHD anticipates an additional 4,680 prime doses to arrive this week, earmarked specially for K-12 staff.

Boost doses also arrive weekly in shipments which are separate from prime doses. Last week's boost doses were also received on Friday, February 19, 2021 and there are no delays expected this week.

Those who will be vaccinated this week by the Shawnee County Vaccine Collaborative will be individuals over the age of 65 and K-12 staff. Doses remaining from the K-12 staff vaccination effort will be redirected to individuals over the age of 65.

Approximately, 1400 doses of the Moderna vaccine are being distributed “directly” from the Federal Government to our local registered pharmacies. The allocation of the doses distributed to the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System is not available at this time.

As of February 16, 2021, there have been approximately 17,877 individuals, 65 and older, that have been vaccinated.

Currently, 16 out of 25 Long Term Care facilities in Shawnee County have reported 1,184 residents vaccinated, 976 staff vaccinated which amounts to approximately 92% of the residents and a 62% vaccination rate among staff.

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