



## SHAWNEE COUNTY COVID-19 Response Team

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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 by the Shawnee County Vaccine Collaborative.

The vaccine collaborative, which 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) continues to meet their objectives and goals based on the vaccine doses received.

The SCHD and the Vaccine Collaborative will now be providing six doses per vial of the Pfizer vaccine. These 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 anticipates that the weekly allocation of 3,510 prime doses are expected to arrive on time this week, by Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

SCHD continues to receive the necessary boost dose shipments weekly.

Those who will be vaccinated this week by the Shawnee County Vaccine Collaborative will be individuals over the age of 65, childcare workers and mass transportation workers, as well as any individuals from previous phases.

Approximately 700 doses of the Moderna vaccine are being distributed “directly” from the Federal Government to local Shawnee County pharmacies who are registered as a part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Due to winter weather delays in previous weeks some allocations were not initially received.

The allocation of the doses distributed to the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System is not available at this time.

As of February 23, 2021, there have been approximately 18,800 individuals, 65 and older, that have been vaccinated in Shawnee County.

As of February 26, 2021, there have been approximately 4,208 K-12 staff that have been vaccinated.

The Shawnee County Vaccine Collaborative is actively working with our private sector partners to provide vaccines to those in Shawnee County who are considered to be “homebound”. If you are homebound, or know of family or friends that may be considered this, and would like to receive a vaccine please email [CovidVaccine@snco.us](mailto:CovidVaccine@snco.us) or call 785.251.4949 and be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email (if available)

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