



Press Release

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Calloway County Health Department Provides COVID Vaccination Update

The Calloway County Health Department is very excited that there is a vaccine to offer in the fight against COVID19. We received 300 doses of the Moderna vaccine on 12/21 and will have administered all 300 doses by 1/15. This vaccine is a 2-dose process with 28 days between the two doses. The target populations for health departments and hospitals for these initial doses have been healthcare personnel and first responders. The federal government established a partnership with national pharmacy chains to provide vaccine to residents and staff of long-term care and assisted living facilities.

We received the adopted Vaccination Phases from the Kentucky Department for Public Health on January 5th, which has evolved during the planning process. The Vaccination Phases are as follows:

- Phase 1A Long-Term Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Healthcare Personnel
- Phase 1B First Responders anyone 70 and older, and K-12 school personnel
- Phase 1C Anyone 60 and older, anyone 16 and older with CDC highest risk conditions, and all essential workers
- Phase 2 Anyone 40 and older
- Phase 3 Anyone 16 and older
- Phase 4 Children under 16 (if the vaccine is approved for this age group)

Please realize that each health department and hospital are at different stages of vaccine administration. However, the Calloway County Health Department and Murray Calloway County Hospital are working together on completing each required phase, per the guidelines.

All shipments of vaccine within the next few weeks will be determined by the Kentucky Department for Public Health and number of doses and arrival dates are not known at this time.

Once the vaccine manufacturers increase production, then additional providers will be added, such as medical facilities and pharmacies. However, it is anticipated that this process will not occur until the Spring months.

In preparation for our next Phase (70+ individuals), a call list has been established. Go to our website (www.callowayhealth.org) and add yourself or others to this call list. Once we receive vaccine shipments, we will contact from this list to make vaccination appointments.

Currently, our call volume has been significant. So, we encourage everyone to use the on-line process to be placed on the call list. We also ask for your patience and cooperation during this difficult time.

For more specific information vaccine information, go to <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine>.