

12-31-20 COVID-19 Update for Local Partners Q&A

<p>If you had the first shot of the Pfizer vaccine and you now have a confirmed case of Covid should you get the 2nd shot of the vaccine?</p>	<p>Once you are out of your isolation period, you can get your second dose whenever the time comes. This is the recommendation to protect the healthcare workers that would administer your vaccine, so you don't potentially expose them while you are infectious.</p>
<p>Once a person receives the COVID-19 vaccine what will be the quarantine rules if they are considered a close contact?</p>	<p>Assuming the individual has received both doses of the vaccine, they would not be required to quarantine for 90 days if deemed a close contact.</p>
<p>If we have more vaccines than healthcare workers that want them, can we start working down the rest of the list and include the public (like teachers and immunocompromised people) or do they need to be reallocated?</p>	<p>Right now you should work within your community to get those in the priority group vaccinated – health care workers and long-term care facilities. If you have covered all of these people and still have vaccine left, you should contact KDHE so we can transfer the rest of the vaccine to another county who still needs to vaccinate these groups.</p>
<p>As a school nurse am I eligible to receive the vaccine in this first round? If so, how do I go about getting it?</p>	<p>Yes, all healthcare workers can get their vaccine. Please contact your local health department or closest Federally Qualified Health Center. They have received the doses to give to HCWs.</p>
<p>If someone had COVID can they get the new variant or does their immunity protect them from the new variant for at least 90 days?</p>	<p>This is not something that we know at this time.</p>
<p>We have been at the 3-month presumed immunity for several months now. Because COVID research is ongoing, have we reached a point that can be revisited? What is the data showing 4 or 5 months post-infection?</p>	<p>This is a good question and we are actively looking at the literature to see if there is enough to extend that period. No national conversations on this that I have heard.</p>
<p>Please clarify if a person is exposed to COVID 19 but they have completed the COVID19 vaccination series. That person does not have to quarantine. Does the employer have to get approval from the local health department to let the person work?</p>	<p>If they have completed the series (meaning if it is a 2 dose series they have to be done with both) and then they are exposed they are exempt from quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. It's a good idea to check with your local health department to make sure they don't have a different guidance.</p>
<p>Any plans to fix the delays in resulting (from independent partner labs) that the statewide testing plan has caused?</p>	<p>We are aware of several instances of severely delayed reports from some of the sites. We are working with the vendor to resolve those and make sure it doesn't happen again. If a contractor doesn't meet the goals set forth in the contract, they won't be paid for it. We are working to make sure it is a better experience and results get out faster.</p>
<p>In addition to the Vaccine Micro Site ... will there be a public awareness campaign on vaccinations (like KDHE did for go get tested)? If so, when will the campaign be running?</p>	<p>Yes. I don't have an exact date of when that will start, but it will likely start closer to when the vaccine will be available to the general public. We will be sure to share details with everyone when we have them.</p>

Lacey, how do we change our KS-HAN preferences?	You can either go into your account and change them yourself in the settings, or if that doesn't appear to be an option you can send an email to KDHE.KSHANAdmin@ks.gov .
How come the community testing site is not on the map?	The dots on the maps from the webinar slides are community testing partners being managed by our consulting group. If you aren't on there or want more information, send an email to Paul.Harrison@ks.gov .
In the LTC setting, do you recommend immunizations at the early stage of an outbreak? Our LTC facility recently had 2 new positive results in the last week, they are scheduled to receive the Moderna vaccine on Monday. Is there harm in proceeding with the vaccine? What is the chance the vaccine at this time will prevent an outbreak? I anticipate subsequent mortality would have to be reported to the CDC as potential adverse reaction to the vaccine.	<p>For the general public, if someone is in isolation or quarantine, they should not receive the vaccination until their isolation or quarantine period has ended. This is not because it is contraindicated, but rather to protect the health care worker administering the vaccine.</p> <p>For long-term care facilities, right now we recommend to go ahead with the vaccination schedule, taking all precautions necessary for individuals in isolation or quarantine; don't delay the vaccination in LTC facilities.</p> <p>All adverse reactions should be reported via VAERS.</p>
Is Kansas developing a resource for number of residents vaccinated?	Yes, though we don't have a timeline on when it will be available. Across the country there are delays in reporting because providers have been prioritizing administering the vaccine, not reporting data. Our numbers are lagging, but we are working so we can make dose numbers publicly available.
My county health department has vaccine, but they state it is not available for outpatient physicians. They have directed us to go to CVS or Walgreens, which are not yet vaccinating outside of nursing homes or LTCF. Is there another place we can get vaccinated?	We wanted health care providers in direct contact with COVID patients and long-term care facilities to receive the vaccine first, but have opened that up now to all health care providers. If you know of a location that is not using their vaccine to vaccinate health care workers, please let us know and we'll reach out to them to make sure they know it should be open to all health care workers.
Was the reporting to Vaers in a CDC webinar or in KDHE webinar?	Both. You can find information on VAERS here: https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html
Do you recommend that HCP continue to use full PPE even during their 90 days after infection when considered immune?	Yes. Use appropriate PPE for whatever procedure you are doing. There is always a change there are other strains circulating, etc., and we don't know if immunity is 100%.

<p>will there be improvements in the process of notifying hospitals of upcoming vaccine shipments? We should be receiving our second dose of pfizer for our employees next week yet still haven't heard anything. Wednesday is day 21 from the first dose.</p>	<p>Pfizer Booster doses are being delivered Sunday through Tuesday. We are working as swiftly as we can to notify once we have delivery information on shipments coming from the Federal level but this happens with very little lead time.</p>
<p>Were both vaccines tested equally on the different races-black and white?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>We are a FQHC, if we are getting calls from nursing homes to vaccinate staff and residents because they did not sign up with Walgreens or are anxious on the timetable from the vendor - what should we tell them</p>	<p>We cannot do anything about the timeline, and they will have to wait as the vaccine for them has been allocated to the National Partnership they signed up for. If they did not sign up for the program, they have been contacted this week or will be by early next through the Kansas Immunization Program with details.</p>
<p>Can LHDs with an EMR and interface to WebIZ get direct entry access to WebIZ for COVID vaccine administration?</p>	<p>They can but this takes time and cannot happen very quickly right now. Please contact kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov for instructions on how to begin the process.</p>
<p>Did KDHE receive their 17,000 doses anticipated?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>If you got a first dose Pfizer vaccine on 12/18/20 and now are CV positive, can you receive a monoclonal antibody?</p>	<p>According to the CDC, for vaccinated persons who subsequently develop COVID-19, prior to receipt of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine should not affect treatment decisions (including use of monoclonal antibodies, convalescent plasma, antiviral treatment, or corticosteroid administration) or timing of such treatments.</p> <p>For reference: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2F covid-19%2F info-by-product%2F pfizer%2F clinical-considerations.html</p>