

September 23, 2021 Update for Local Partners Q&A

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| <p>Will we or do we have data on the incidence of reinfection/severe disease/hospitalization for people that have had natural disease vs natural disease with vaccination vs vaccination only vs neither previous natural disease or vaccination</p> | <p>We don't have that information yet. I just saw a demo of the linkage between our disease surveillance system (EpiTrax) and our immunization registry (WebIZ) yesterday. Justin Blanding will be demoing for local health departments on Monday's LHD webinar so it would be great if you can tune in. We are going to figure out how to systematically update the case records with vaccine data so that we can do the type of analysis you are talking about. We haven't been able to do it so far because vaccine data was missing in EpiTrax.</p> |
| <p>Can the household contact quarantine information link be entered here please?</p> | <p>Isolation and Quarantine FAQ: https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/134/Isolation--Quarantine-Guidance-and-FAQs-PDF---9-19-21 Isolation and Quarantine Release Graphic: https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1086/Isolation-Quarantine-Release-Graphic-KS-PDF---9-19-21</p> |
| <p>Do Antigen positive and PCR positive COVID-19 carry the same wait in terms of reliability of COVID-19 positivity or negativity?</p> | <p>If you have an antigen positive in a symptomatic person or person with known exposure, the test is pretty sensitive and reliable. If you have a positive in an asymptomatic person or person with no known exposure, it is less sensitive, so we recommend confirmation with PCR. Similarly, if you get an antigen negative in someone with symptoms or with known exposure, we recommend confirmation with PCR.</p> |
| <p>Does the 3rd dose need to still be 8 months after 2nd shot?</p> | <p>3rd dose, that has been authorized to be used at this time is the additional dose for moderate and severe immunocompromised is 28 days post vaccination series completion. Boost doses have not yet been recommended and thus time after series completion has not been determined yet. That is expected later today.</p> |
| <p>Is a temp check still required as part of the daily screening of hospital employees?</p> | <p>The short answer is yes. CDC has updated its infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus (COVID-19). The updates primarily focus on recommendations for use of source control, SARS-CoV-2 testing, and quarantine for fully vaccinated patients and nursing home residents. In general, these updates do not reflect substantial changes to recommended practices, rather they have been made to further clarify, consolidate, and simplify existing healthcare IPC guidance. Link to guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2104-DM65690&ACSTrackingLabel=CDC%20Updates%20Infection%20Prevention%20and%20Control%20Guidance%20for%20Healthcare%20Settings&deliveryName=USCDC_2104-DM65690</p> |
| <p>Thoughts/concerns on the new R.1 variant which has recently been seen in the US?</p> | <p>It has not yet reached the level to be a variant that CDC is identifying as having any potential or detection in the US high enough to be monitored.</p> |

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| What vaccine did these incarcerated persons get? | Looks like it was a mix of all three between the incarcerated and staff populations. |
| Are we still getting confirmation emails for delivery? | Yes, they are going to the primary contact on the COVID Provider enrollment information. |
| Can you post a link to change contacts? | KDHE.covidenrollment@ks.gov |
| thoughts on ordering vaccines for mass vaccination clinics for booster doses? Do you see shortages of the Pfizer vaccine coming? | No shortages expected. Order as needed. |
| If we are not open on the weekends, why do we need to report on vaccine finder? | This is a federal rule, not state rule. If there are no changes in inventory over the weekend and you assure correct data is there on Friday evening and Monday morning, it is likely to not impact you. |
| Can you let us know the best contact person for changing the vaccine order forms? | KDHE.covidenrollment@ks.gov |
| Are these booster doses only for people who received the Pfizer vaccine? What about those who received Moderna? | We do not have the recommendations yet. FDA authorized only Pfizer for boosters but ACIP and CDC will make the recommendations later today |
| For clarification, the booster EUA is for Pfizer-Comirnaty but the FDA also notes that Comirnaty and BioNTech can be used interchangeably? | Yes, they are the same vaccine and will be used interchangeably. At this time, the branded vaccine vials are not even distributed. |
| do we have any indication of Moderna doing a booster or 3rd dose? If so, do we know when that possibly could happen? Many of the 65+ age group was initially vaccinated with Moderna. | No, we do not. Moderna has not submitted data and request for booster yet. |
| Do Health Depts and health care providers receiving CMS payments, Medicaid or Medicare need all employees covid vaccinated whether they have 100 employees or not? | The CMS rule has not been released yet, so this is not an active directive yet. The Biden 6-point plan indicated all (without regard to size) who receive CMS funding. |
| For a 3rd dose Pfizer, would that apply only to those who received their first two doses that were Pfizer, or would it also include Moderna, too? | At this time there is no recommendation for boosters yet and it will be described in the recommendation when it comes out later today. |
| How can we get on the HAN announcement list? | Send a request to kdhe.kshanadmin@ks.gov. |
| Did they mention the timeline between additional dose and booster dose? | FDA authorized for at least 6 months. ACIP and CDC will make final determination in the recommendation. |
| Every week we get a report from the county health department on the percentage of vaccinated persons who have received at least one dose of vaccine. I am told this is the information they get from KDHE. Would it be possible to report how many persons in the county who have been fully vaccinated? | That information is available on our vaccine dashboard: https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/158/Data Look under the County Vaccination Rates |

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| <p>Are the 3rd dose COVID 19 Pfizer and Moderna vaccines the same "dose" as what is referred to as a "booster"?</p> | <p>They are yes</p> |
| <p>Is the recommendation still that people receive the same manufacturer for their booster dose that they had for their initial vaccination?</p> | <p>At this time there is no recommendation for boosters yet and it will be described in the recommendation when it comes out later today.</p> |
| <p>The Cepheid kits the state has given us, are we able to charge for them? Do we need to keep a log as we use them?</p> | <p>It would not be appropriate to charge full price for those tests unless you want to replace the kits to the state after you get supply. You could charge an administration or collection fee. We are not going to be asking for any sort of logs that I am aware now, however if you have two supplies it might be wise to keep track of how you are using state supplied resources.</p> |
| <p>how many health dept are signing the schools under their CLIA certificate, please explain what the process is to do this Thanks</p> | <p>Some HDs are working with their districts to provide testing support or oversight with the HD CLIA certificate. If the school wants or needs their own CLIA certificate they should contact the KDHE CLIA office (KDHE.CLIA2@ks.gov) and/or their school resource person to help.</p> |
| <p>Myron, are you saying Cepheid is switching to the 4-Plex? Do we know when they will be available or just ask our Lab.</p> | <p>I do not know what their timing is. I would have the lab ask the vendor to give an update.</p> |
| <p>We had a courier issue, our driver showed up at 7:30am before we were open and tried to get our facility to take Pfizer vaccine. This was before our scheduled opening hours. They also didn't drop off any vaccine transfer information, who do I reach out to, to get a copy?</p> | <p>Vaccine Couriers are separate from the KHEL testing courier. Please reach out to the Vaccine group on their delivery courier. I will note this also to Phil to pass along.</p> |
| <p>This link takes me to the KDHE website but not to the enrollment part for the change in contact. Can you point me to where I need to go for this?</p> | <p>For changes of contact person for COVID Enrollment form, email KDHE.covidenrollment@ks.gov</p> |
| <p>Could you please clarify if Bam/Ete will be in multiples of 10 or 12?</p> | <p>BAM/ETE is 10, REGEN-COV is 12</p> |
| <p>If our facility uses all of our allocation and are out, can we call for additional mAbs if KDHE has available? We may need because of a surge of patient need to prevent a possible hospitalization.</p> | <p>At this time, we don't have any unallocated to send. This may be something in the future but not at this time. If you send me an email, we can see what we can do. Mike.McNulty@ks.gov</p> |