

## KDHE Kansas Immunization Program Updates

*for Immunize Kansas Coalition Meeting on Friday, April 23, 2021*

As of 4/21/2021:

\* 1,078,489 people in Kansas have been vaccinated with one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. This represent 37% of Kansans.

\* A total of 2,322,080 doses have been distributed in Kansas.

Source: [Data](#) | kansasvaccine.gov

Reminder that the KDHE Vaccine website is routinely updated and has information for providers, community members, etc. Data is available on vaccine administration, vaccine allocation/distribution, demographics, and provider snapshot. Please review site frequently for the most current information.

Source: [Kansans](#) | kansasvaccine.gov

Weekly vaccine allocations for Kansas remain relatively stable. There has been difficulty getting providers to accept vaccine due to limited demand in communities and concerns over wasting vaccine. The federal government is working on a statement related to wastage as more and more are being challenged with puncturing a vial but not being able to use the full vial prior to 6/12-hour expiration from first puncture.

The federal government is expanding focus to include emergency departments and primary providers as a source of vaccine availability. Recruitment and onboarding efforts at KDHE include these types of providers.

All providers that receive COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to publicly display information about clinic on Vaccine Finder. Information about how to publicly display clinic can be found at: [Find My Vaccine](#) | kansasvaccine.gov

Local Health Department and Provider Manuals from KDHE are available at: [Guidance Documents & Resources](#) | kansasvaccine.gov

Emergency ACIP meeting on April 23 from 10am-4pm to discuss the pause of Janssen vaccine. Recommendations are expected to be made during this meeting. The meeting is available online at: [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) | CDC

FDA to consider amendment to Pfizer vaccine for use in those 12-15 years of age. This meeting is expected to occur mid-May. Providers should start thinking about opportunities/strategies for targeting this age group, if the amendment is authorized by FDA and recommended by CDC.