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KCHD to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Saturday to those who qualify

Knoxville, Tenn. – In coordination with the updates made today by the Tennessee Department of Health to the statewide COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, the Knox County Health Department will adopt an age-based vaccination strategy, in addition to the original priority phases outlined in the plan.

KCHD will offer a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Saturday, Jan 2, to those who meet the Phase 1a1/Phase 1a2 criteria **or** are 75 years and older.

The clinic will take place at the Knoxville Expo Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until vaccine supplies last. There will be 500 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for those who meet the criteria. The clinic, located at 5441 Clinton Highway, will operate on a first come, first serve basis.

Individuals 75 and older who wish to receive the vaccine need to bring a valid form of identification proving their age. Individuals who meet the Phase 1a1 or 1a2 criteria need to bring proof of employment.

Those within Phase 1a1 and 1a2 already scheduled to receive the vaccine through KCHD next week need to keep their standing appointment. Saturday's clinic is for those who meet the criteria and do not have a scheduled appointment to receive the vaccine.

Phase 1a1 includes in-patient health care providers, first responders with direct exposure to the public and staff members and residents of long-term care facilities. Phase 1a2 includes those primarily working in outpatient health care settings. The full Phase 1a1 and Phase 1a2 groups can be found in the statewide <u>plan</u>.

KCHD will schedule and announce more clinics once it receives additional vaccine.

About Knox County Health Department:

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. As a chief health strategist for the community and with more than 240 team members, KCHD's broad scope of work includes



convening partners to improve community health, identifying community health threats, investigating disease outbreaks, conducting extensive outreach and education, preparing for public health emergencies, providing and connecting the public with medical care, enforcing food safety and air quality laws, and more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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