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KCHD to schedule additional 1,000 COVID-19 first-dose vaccination appointments

Knoxville, Tenn. – Today at 11 a.m., the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will open up registration for 1,000 first-dose COVID-19 vaccine appointments on Saturday, January 23, at the Expo Center.

Qualifying individuals – such as health care workers, first responders and those 75 and older - can schedule appointments through an online registration system which will be posted on KCHD's [Vaccination Information page](#) at **11 a.m.** Appointments are expected to fill quickly.

“We just received this shipment of vaccine yesterday – so, we wanted to make these doses available as soon as we could, while also giving advance notice of these opportunities so people can make plans to register,” said Senior Director and Public Health Officer Dr. Martha Buchanan. “While vaccine supply continues to be limited, we will continue to create vaccination opportunities for our community as quickly as our supply allows.”

When accessing the scheduling website, individuals will be asked to verify eligibility requirements. Those who are eligible include health care workers, first responders and those 75 and older. A full list of the groups eligible in the first priority phases (1a1 and 1a2) can be found [here](#). After reviewing eligibility requirements, individuals will see the vaccine clinic location and available appointments. From there, selecting the appointment and providing necessary personal information will work just as a number of other common appointment scheduling sites work.

Those without internet or computer access can still make appointments, when available, by calling KCHD's Public Information Line at 865-215-5555. If individuals have specific questions about their health and whether or not they should receive the vaccine, they need to call their medical provider.

Moving forward, KCHD is working with Knox County IT to create a new online registration system that will include an automated waitlist. More information on this system will be available next week.

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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