



Knox County Health Department

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KCHD to offer scheduled appointments for those 75 and older to receive COVID-19 vaccine

Knoxville, Tenn. – The Knox County Health Department is offering scheduled appointments this week for Knox County residents, who are 75 and older, to receive the first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Walk-up appointments at KCHD's main location (140 Dameron Ave.) will be scheduled for Tuesday (1/5), Thursday (1/7) and Friday (1/8) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who qualify should call the KCHD Public Information Line at 865-215-5555 to schedule an appointment. Individuals should bring a valid copy of their identification to their appointment.

The Public Information Line is experiencing a high volume of calls, so please be patient if it takes time to get through. Because of the high demand, appointments are expected to fill up quickly. Additional vaccination opportunities for next week will be announced as more vaccine is received.

As stated previously, KCHD will be deploying multiple strategies to help provide vaccinations to our community, including large clinics and appointments. It's important to remember that KCHD is just one of many providers who will eventually help make vaccine more widely available in the community. Much like COVID-19 testing at the beginning of the pandemic, it took time for it to be widely available. The best and most effective testing *and* vaccination strategy involves multiple distribution points in the market.

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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