

## Johnson County Emergency Operations Center Press Release 1/4/2021

## **COVID-19 Vaccinations Progressing**

Johnson County Public Health has moved into Phase 1b of the COVID-19 Vaccinations. This includes those who are 70 years of age and over. While JCPH is still scheduling those who may qualify in Phase 1a, our focus now is on the population 70 years old and up. We will not be maintaining a list in order to protect your health information and to ensure the public we are focused on working through the priority groups. Shipments of the Moderna vaccine are arriving weekly, and we will gladly schedule your appointment when you call, while vaccine is available. We are scheduling in increments of 10 to allow proper use of all vaccine and to not allow for waste. Flexible scheduling is appreciated and it will help move the vaccination efforts along quickly.

Johnson County has shifted efforts to vaccinate our long-term care facilities with a partnership between Johnson County Public Health and Johnson County Healthcare Center, prior to Walgreen's availability to reach these residents.

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be held in Kaycee on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-11:00am. To make an appointment, please call JCPH at 684-2564.

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will begin new State Public Health Orders. This update will remove the requirement that restaurants and bars must close at 10:00pm. Also, fitness classes will be expanded to 25 people. A copy of the new orders will be posted to our county COVID-19 website.

The Wyoming Department of Health is working to finalize Phase 1c. There is not an estimated date on when this information will become available, but all avenues will be used to inform the public in an accurate and timely manner. Johnson County Public Health in conjunction with the Emergency Operations Center is the official source to gather information about vaccine availability in Johnson County. Information from Johnson County Public Health will be announced via local media outlets, JCPH Facebook page, Code Red (mass text alert) system, and on our county

website at <u>www.johnsoncountywyoming.org</u>. Please do not hesitate to call us to check the status of our vaccination efforts or with any questions about the vaccine.

## Is the COVID-19 Vaccine Safe?

We understand there is a lot of information about the vaccine efficacy. Johnson County Public Health encourages residents to research about the vaccine, and look to credible sources for that information.

American Academy of Family Physicians COVID-19 FAQ

Understanding and Explaining mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

For the most up to date numbers of positive COVID-19 cases, please visit <u>health.wyo.gov</u> and click on COVID-19.

For the most current information, please visit <a href="www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/covid-19">www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/covid-19</a>.

There has been a COVID-19 response email set up for Johnson County: <a href="jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com">jcwycovid19eoc@gmail.com</a>.

For further questions, contact the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center: 307-425-6560.