KU to offer new COVID-19 vaccine clinic at KU School of Pharmacy

Faculty and staff,

KU is preparing to offer an additional COVID-19 vaccination opportunity for members of our campus community through the KU School of Pharmacy.

Through a partnership with Sigler Pharmacy, KU will receive doses of Pfizer vaccine each week to deliver to the KU community. Clinics will begin this week and will continue in the weeks ahead. We will report on the number of doses delivered each week on Tuesdays at protect.ku.edu/data.

Pharmacy students and faculty will manage the clinics and use the experience they have gained working at similar vaccine clinics in Douglas County during the previous months.

Eligibility to receive vaccines

Initially, the vaccination clinic at the School of Pharmacy will focus on faculty, staff, graduate teaching assistants, graduate research assistants, and student hourly positions, as they are all now eligible to receive vaccines as state employees based on the current phases of the state’s vaccine plan. The clinic will be available by appointment only.

We will offer vaccines to a randomized selection of KU employees correlated with the number of doses we have available in a given week. Those who were included on an initial on-campus vaccine prioritization list will continue to be prioritized as part of this process.

Invitations to sign up for an appointment will arrive by email from the Protect KU account. We will send more invites than we have available appointments each week so that we can ensure that all vaccine appointments get filled and all doses are able to be used. Appointments will be first come, first serve. If you receive an email invite but have already received a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine through another process, or if you are unable to receive the vaccine, please let us know by answering a few questions at the beginning of the sign-up process so that we may offer your vaccine
to someone else.

**Consolidating KU vaccine efforts**

In the weeks ahead, we plan to wrap up vaccinations at Watkins Health Services and will consolidate efforts through the KU School of Pharmacy. Those who have received first doses of vaccine through Watkins will still receive second doses at Watkins as scheduled through the appointment process.

Those invited to participate in the School of Pharmacy clinic will receive their second dose of vaccine at the Pharmacy clinic. People invited to receive a vaccine through the pharmacy school will receive additional instructions about that clinic in the email invitation.

**KU community members should take the first vaccine available to them**

As we have directed before, members of the KU community should still take the first vaccine that is available to them, pursuing options through county public health officials and local pharmacies.

Members of the KU community who live, work, and/or receive their healthcare in Douglas County should fill out the [county’s vaccine survey](mailto:county’s vaccine survey) to be notified of future vaccine opportunities. The form has been updated to now include a field for individuals to identify as state employees. Any state employees, including KU faculty and staff, who completed the interest form before March 16 when the question was added are encouraged to complete the form again with the state employee information.

Douglas County Unified Command staff will use your most recent form as part of the random selection for future vaccine opportunities.

**Continue to observe COVID-19 protocols**

As vaccination rollouts continue, it is important for the KU community to continue to observe COVID-19 safety protocols, including mask wearing, social distancing and not to let up on other established measures to provide a safe environment both on and off our campus.

Questions about this process may be emailed to [protect@ku.edu](mailto:protect@ku.edu).