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Updated guidance about vaccines for KU employees

Faculty and staff,

This message provides the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine distribution and availability at KU and throughout the state.

KU employees eligible for vaccines under state guidance

Beginning today, Monday, March 22, Kansas moved into Phase 3 and Phase 4 of its [vaccine distribution plan](#) simultaneously.

Under Phase 3 of the plan, all state employees are eligible to receive the vaccine through local health departments and local pharmacies. This includes all KU faculty and staff.

Those who live, work or receive their healthcare in Douglas County should fill out the county's vaccine survey at dgcoks.org/vaccineinterestform to be notified of future vaccine opportunities.

This form now includes a field for individuals to identify as state government 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. Douglas County Unified Command staff will use your most recent form as part of the random selection of future vaccine opportunities among Phase 3- and Phase 4-eligible individuals.

Follow the registration guidelines for your county to ensure you are eligible and

notified for all vaccine opportunities.

As vaccination rollout continues to expand, it reaffirms our university's [plans to return to in-person classes and activities](#) for the fall 2021 semester.

Vaccine distribution at KU

KU continues to partner with Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health to distribute vaccines through Watkins Health Services.

These vaccines are available by appointment only, and KU is distributing the doses based on a list that prioritizes continuity of education, continuity of research, and continuity of operations. These categories prioritize those who are working on campus in essential functions such as custodial services and student housing facilities, as well as individuals teaching in-person classes or conducting on-campus research this semester.

KU employees do not need to take any action to be placed on a list to receive a vaccine through this university process. Employees will receive a notification from the Protect KU email account when it is time to schedule an appointment, similar to the process for our ongoing COVID-19 randomized testing notifications.

Once the initial list is exhausted, the university plans to work with partners to offer doses to a broader segment of university faculty and staff.

KU vaccine distribution data available at the Protect KU dashboard

The number of doses available to KU and the type of vaccine (Pfizer vs. Johnson & Johnson vs. Moderna) will change from week to week based on the allocations received from county officials.

During KU's first vaccine clinic on March 8, KU distributed 256 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to employees. During a second vaccine clinic on March 18, KU distributed more than 400 first doses of Pfizer vaccine. Information about the number of doses distributed each week at KU, along with the type of vaccine distributed, will be posted weekly on Tuesdays at [KU's COVID-19 dashboard](#), which also includes information about KU COVID-19 testing results.

Employees should take the first vaccine available to them

Even with an on-campus vaccine opportunity available to identified university employees, members of the KU community should continue to pursue vaccines as recommended through county health authorities and community pharmacies.

Members of our community should take the first available vaccine that is offered to them.

Look to Protect KU for updated vaccine information

Information about vaccines can change quickly. Protect KU is the best sources for KU information about vaccines, including messages from the Protect KU email account along with additional information available at protect.ku.edu/vaccine. That page will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

Questions about this process may be directed to the KU COVID-19 call center at 785-864-9000 or to protect@ku.edu.