December 12, 2021

Good afternoon:

Welcome to the immunizations listserv update. As a reminder, these updates will come on Monday afternoons and include resources, training modules, and new information regarding vaccination for health departments. If you have suggestions for the update, please reach out to Shelby Ostrom at [shelby.ostrom@kalhd.org](mailto:shelby.ostrom@kalhd.org).

**Tomorrow, December 14, marks the one-year anniversary of the first administered COVID-19 vaccine. This milestone is a huge celebration of the power of public health and the importance of vaccines. Please take time to celebrate your contributions this week!**

**IMPORTANT UPDATES**

***Listserv Update Survey***

In accordance with KALHD’s grant with KDHE, please fill out this survey to give staff feedback on these listserv updates. Staff will use your responses in developing new ideas for 2022.

***KALHD Holiday Schedule***

KALHD will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 for Christmas and New Year’s Day. Have a great holiday season!

**PANDEMIC UPDATES**

***Booster for COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for 16-17 Year Old’s***

Last week, the FDA authorized the booster COVID-19 vaccine for 16- and 17-year-olds who have completed their original series 6 months prior to the booster dose. These boosters include both Pfizer and Moderna. For more information, [you can refer to the KS-HAN notice that went out on Friday morning here](C://Users/denni/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/RNAQ1CN9/12.9.21+Booster+Dose+COVID-19+Vaccine+Now+Authorized++Recommended+ages+16+.pdf).

***Pfizer Grey Cap Vaccine Introduced***

Pfizer BioNTech has created a new formulation of their adult (12+) COVID-19 vaccine. KDHE anticipates this new formulation will be available in Kansas by January 2022. Pfizer has released this graphic on the important differences between the original orange, purple, and new grey cap vaccines. [You can view the graphic here](https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com/images/pdf/Vaccine-Formulation-Presentation-Guide.pdf).

***COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering***

If you plan to order vaccine this week from KDHE, please fill [out this form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QY82P6) by Wednesday (December 8, 2021) at 5 p.m. Orders will be scheduled for delivery the following week. There is a lot of feedback that vaccines are not being delivered or emails responded to, if you have any additional questions or concerns, please reach out to Dennis or me.

***Omicron Variant of COVID-19***

KDHE continues to monitor the Omicron variant of COVID-19. As of December 5, there have been no identified cases of the Omicron variant in Kansas. However, there have been confirmed cases in Missouri, Colorado, California, and Minnesota. KDHE released [this press release](https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=51) on November 29 regarding the variant, encouraging booster vaccinations for all Kansans 18 years old or older. The travel restrictions for Kansans have also been updated. You can view the guidance from KDHE and the CDC [here](https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran).

***Resources for Discussing Omicron Variant***

The Public Health Collaborative has updated their resources and [FAQ page to include guidance to hard questions about the omicron variant.](https://publichealthcollaborative.org/faq/) These resources have also been uploaded to KALHD’s website.

***Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Standing Orders & Attestations***

KDHE has uploaded the current standing orders and attestations for all COVID-19 vaccines, including the Pfizer 5-11 vaccine. These documents have also been uploaded to KALHD’s website. [You can find all the documents here](https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/166/Guidance-Documents-Resources).

***Pfizer December Training Webinars***

Pfizer BioNTech has scheduled training webinars for the rest of 2021. It is highly recommended that you attend at least one session if you have not already. You can also [bookmark this webpage for updates](https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates). I will also be attending one of these sessions and will provide notes for those who cannot attend.

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**ADDITIONAL VACCINATION RESOURCES**

Below are additional resources and recordings for increasing vaccination rates and protecting yourself on social media.

[Defending Yourself Against Social Media Attacks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OTd5K5rBNU&t=17s) (Partners for Vaccine Equity)

[Navigating COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/play/kNU91B2aTtS19yyzPNsKLxnAwLz0IwLsC-DUzSDV7QkPnqVG7ut_NpcSF8uxb2QXvewdUNV0V9likBnx.RbNHuuvkisuF3sk5?startTime=1636589094000&_x_zm_rtaid=4ZuBbfpeRHeLhJPhTD8vBQ.1638806020364.d574aee9a779e45dba9e3462416f58a4&_x_zm_rhtaid=320) (Chicagoland Vaccine Partnership)

[Youth Module Series](https://www.immunizekansascoalition.org/youth-modules.asp) (Immunize Kansas Coalition)

[Reducing Anxiety in Young Vaccine Patients](https://kansaspharmacistsassociation.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Immunization%20CE/2021%2011%2003%20comfortable%20vax%20v2.pdf) (Kansas Pharmacists Association)