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## **RENO COUNTY VACCINE DISTRIBUTION MOVES TO PHASE 2**

**Reno County, Kansas – January 21, 2021 –**

The Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson Clinic, and Prairie Star Health Center (the Reno County Medical Collaborative) are starting to administer the 2nd dose of the vaccine to Healthcare workers and others identified in Phase 1 of the Kansas Vaccination Plan.

The RCMC received approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to proceed into Phase 2 beginning Thursday, January 21.

Following guidance and recommendations of the Reno County Medical Collaborative (RCMC), three phase subsets have been identified for dispensing the initial allocations of vaccine:

- 2a: Persons Aged 65+ (12,331 individuals)
- 2b: Persons in Group Quarters/Congregate Living (2,526 individuals)
- 2c: High Contact Critical Workers (7,117 individuals)

500 doses have been received this week to begin phase 2. Because of the limited supply, the John Hopkins risk score, along with the stringent advice of clinicians, are being utilized to identify those at highest risk. Of those high-risk individuals, 500 have been identified to receive the vaccine. Phase 2 individuals will be contacted by their primary care provider or the Reno County Health Department.

The goal is to efficiently administer all doses received each week. Weekly updates will include vaccine numbers and scheduling information.

Next week the Reno County Health Department will provide an update regarding the online vaccine appointment registration. For a definition of “High Contact Critical Workers” and up-to-date information on the phases, please visit our website at [www.renogov.org/773/COVID-19-Vaccinations](http://www.renogov.org/773/COVID-19-Vaccinations).

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