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## **Knox County Emergency Management Agency**

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## COVID-19 Vaccine available next week for those over age 80

Knox County residents age 80 and older can receive COVID-19 vaccine beginning next week.

Knox Public Health, Knox Community Hospital (KCH) and Kroger have each received limited amounts of the COVID-19 vaccine and each will be distributing vaccine by appointment only. Because of the limited supply of vaccine, scheduling by appointment is the only way to ensure that a person will receive a vaccination.

In collaboration with Knox County Emergency Management Agency, Knox Public Health will distribute its vaccine allotment on Wednesday (Jan. 20) at the Mount Vernon High School Energy Field House. Knox Public Health has been compiling a list of those wanting the vaccine from email and phone requests. Those scheduled for the Wednesday clinic will be notified by phone or email with an appointment time. Anyone who has requested vaccine from Knox Public Health, but was not scheduled for the Wednesday clinic due to limited vaccine, will receive notification for another clinic the following week when more vaccine is received. To make an appointment with Knox Public Health, call 740-399-8014 or send an email to <a href="info@knoxhealth.com">info@knoxhealth.com</a> indicating your name, age and a phone number.

Knox Community Hospital will administer COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment-only next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Jan. 20, 21, 22) from 1-5 p.m. each day; and on Sat., Jan 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. To make an appointment to get the vaccine at KCH, call 740- 399-3840 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kroger will activate a helpline starting Saturday to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and assist with appointments at the Kroger pharmacy. Kroger customers can visit <a href="kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine">kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine</a> or call the Kroger COVID-19 vaccine helpline at 866-211-5320 for the latest information on vaccine availability in their area.

Beginning next week, vaccine distribution at any location will be only for those residents age 80 and older. The week of Jan. 25, vaccinations will open up to those age 75 and older; the week of Feb. 1, vaccinations will be available for those age 70 and older; and the week of Feb. 8, vaccinations will open up for those age 65 and older. In Knox County, there are more than 10,000 people in these age categories.

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.knoxhealth.com and https://coronavirus.ohio.gov

