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Executive Summary

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Introduction

The purpose of the Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan is to outline necessary elements and activities that will guide the work of ensuring all Kansans have access to COVID-19 vaccine in a systematic, rapid, and deliberate manner. This document will provide planning assumptions, roles and responsibilities, ordering and reporting activities, and mass vaccination tools that can help local providers reduce morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.

The plan is intended to be a “living document” that will be updated as strategies and actions are refined and as new information is received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other federal agencies involved in this aspect of the COVID-19 response.

COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Sections:

Section 3: Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine will initially be available in very limited doses but will scale up in production rapidly allowing for enough supply to vaccinate all. The COVID-19 vaccine planning efforts will be based on three phases of availability; potentially limited doses available, large number of doses available, and sufficient supply for all. Recommendations for each phase will take many factors into account, including each vaccine’s characteristics, vaccine supply, disease epidemiology, and local community factors.

Section 4: Critical Populations

Critical populations and infrastructure will be identified and estimated through use of the most recent Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data, American Community Survey (ACS) data, and ESRI Community Analyst data. Critical populations to be gathered through these data sets include: racial and ethnic minority groups; individuals 65 years and older; individuals with disabilities; individuals that are underinsured or uninsured; individuals living in congregate settings; and individuals attending colleges or universities. Kansas has defined critical infrastructure workforce personnel to include healthcare personnel and other essential workers as included in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) 4.0 guidance.

Section 5: COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Recruitment and Enrollment

The CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Agreement and the Provider Profile must be completed by each organization/facility that intends to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Provider recruitment and enrollment requirements and processes will be communicated through supporting associations, established partnerships, and new partnerships. All COVID-19 vaccine providers will need to be able to conduct vaccine clinics and/or appointments using social distancing and infection control procedures as identified by the CDC.
Section 8: COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling
All vaccine should be maintained at the appropriate temperature to ensure vaccine viability. Vaccines remain in optimal condition when they are kept in a temperature-controlled environment, which is maintained from the manufacturing plant through distribution to the provider clinic and through vaccine administration. Appropriate temperature monitoring processes for COVID-19 vaccine will be a crucial part of being a COVID-19 vaccine provider.

Section 10: COVID-19 Vaccination Second-Dose Reminders
Vaccination providers will be instructed to complete the COVID-19 vaccination record card provided in the ancillary kit with accurate vaccine information (i.e., vaccine manufacturer, lot number, date of first dose administration, and second dose due date). COVID-19 vaccine providers should use reminder/recalls available through existing electronic health record systems and/or KSWebIZ, the state immunization registry.

Section 12: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Communication
The CDC’s Vaccinate with Confidence framework along with CDC-outlined COVID-19 messaging will be used to communicate with all providers, partners, and public. Communication regarding COVID-19 vaccines is essential to the success of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program and will focus on building vaccine confidence broadly and among groups anticipated to receive early vaccination, as well as dispelling vaccine misinformation to help ensure vaccine uptake.

Section 14: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring
It will be imperative to monitor for any expected or unknown adverse events that occur after an individual receives the COVID-19 vaccine. This monitoring will happen using the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) and any other systems indicated by the CDC and/or FDA.

Section 15: COVID-19 Vaccination Program Monitoring
Continuous monitoring of COVID-19 vaccination efforts will be important so that the public and providers have a good understanding of progress towards vaccinating all Kansans. The internal Kansas COVID-19 vaccine planning committee will establish processes for monitoring critical components of the program such as vaccine allocations, distribution, and uptake. Performance targets will be set and adjusted as the COVID-19 vaccination plan is implemented.