

Atchison Co begins Phase 2 vaccinations

**(KAIR)--Atchison County has now moved to Phase 2 of COVID-19 vaccine distribution.**

**That's according to a release issued Friday by the Atchison County Health Department, which says the department, on a weekly basis, is receiving a limited supply of the vaccine.**

**The release states that those who are aged 65 and over will be the first priority for vaccinations during the first part of Phase 2.**

**The local vaccine supply will open to additional Phase 2 individuals, as outlined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, once the majority of what the release calls the county's "most vulnerable residents" have been vaccinated.**

**The release explains that the vaccine is being received once a week and is used for appointment-only vaccination events offered through the NEK Shot of Hope.**

**Once the weekly, available vaccine/appointments are full, an appointment can not be scheduled until more vaccine is delivered. Once that happens, and appointments are available, Atchison County will issue a notice via CodeRed phone calls, or through email, for those who have completed the online interest survey at [nekshotofhope.org](http://nekshotofhope.org).**

**A hotline has also been established to notify residents when appointments are available. That information will be available by calling 913-308-2415.**

**Vaccinations will be conducted at the Sophia Center, located at 751 South 8th Street, in Atchison, until further notice.**

**The release states that the process of arranging vaccinations "will repeat weekly until everyone has been vaccinated or until vaccine becomes more readily available."**

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