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Topic: COVID-19 DATA AND VACCINATION UPDATE

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The Monroe County Health Department is reporting five additional cases of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Monroe County has had a total of 1,110 cases and 1,029 of those cases have recovered. There are currently 48 active cases in Monroe County, and there have been 33 deaths reported from COVID-19. We stand in solidarity with those affected during these difficult times.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available in phases so all Kentuckians will have access to a vaccination if they choose. Kentucky is currently in Phase 1a and working into Phase 1b. As of date, the health department has only been allocated enough vaccine for Monroe County's Phase 1a healthcare personnel. Long-term care facilities are receiving vaccinations through a federal/state contract with Walgreens and CVS pharmacies. The health department is currently awaiting the approval from the Kentucky Department for Public Health, to order vaccine for Phase 1b, 70 years and older; a tentative timeline for vaccination to begin for this age group is February. There may be other counties in the State that are already vaccinating this group. This is because facilities were approved to move to the next phase if vaccine doses remained once their Phase 1a recipients were vaccinated, rather than hold those doses. The health department is currently compiling a vaccine waiting list for citizens age 70 years and older. For healthcare personnel that still need vaccinated, you may obtain a vaccine at the Medical Center of Bowling Green; for an appointment, text SHOT to 270-796-3200.

The table below explains who will be included in each phase. As everyone patiently awaits their turn to obtain vaccination, it is important that we continue to protect ourselves, our family, and our neighbors by wearing a cloth face covering in public, avoiding close contact with others, frequently washing our hands and by staying home if we are ill.

Phase 1a	Long-term care facilities; Assisted living facilities; Healthcare personnel
Phase 1b	Anyone age 70 or older; First Responders; K-12 school personnel
Phase 1c	Anyone age 60 or older; Anyone age 16 or older with CDC highest risk C19 conditions; All essential workers
Phase 2	Anyone age 40 or older
Phase 3	Anyone age 16 or older
Phase 4	Children under the age of 16 if the vaccine is approved for this age group

For general questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, the public can call the Kentucky COVID-19 Hotline, operated by Norton Healthcare, at 1-800-722-5725.