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Topic: COVID-19 DATA AND VACCINATION UPDATE

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The Monroe County Health Department is reporting eight additional cases of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Monroe County has had a total of 1,153 cases and 1,059 of those cases have recovered. There are currently 60 active cases in Monroe County, and there have been 34 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 Phase 1b. Following the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s phased distribution plan, the health department has begun administering second boost doses to Phase 1a healthcare personnel. To date, this is the only vaccine that has been allocated to the health department. However, there are Regional Vaccination Locations for Phase 1a and Phase 1b where citizens can go to obtain a vaccine. Visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/kentucky-vaccine-map> to find a location nearest you. Likewise, to find out more about which phase of the vaccination campaign you fall in, visit vaccine.ky.gov or call 1-855-598-2246.

The table below defines 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.