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As previously announced on the Christian County Health Department website and Facebook page, the CCHD has been approved as a provider for the COVID-19 vaccine and is expected to receive an extremely limited supply of the vaccine next week. Based upon a predetermined tier system, availability and guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MO DHSS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we will begin to administer the vaccine only to Phase 1A individuals. Individuals will be identified to receive the vaccine based on risk status and occupation. Per the guidance provided by the CDC, COVID-19 vaccinations will not be provided to those under the age 16.

Phase 1A:

- Healthcare Workers
- Long-term Care Facility Residents and Staff

We are working actively with healthcare partners to obtain supplies for the next phase (Phase 1B) of vaccine doses. However, due to the scarce supply across our region, we are unable to provide a certain date of when those individuals may receive their vaccine. Individuals under this phase include:

The Phase 1B-Tier 1 group includes:

First Responders, Emergency Services, and Public Health Infrastructure
Protecting those who keep us safe and help us during an emergency.

- **Non-Patient Facing Public Health Infrastructure***: Administrators and staff at federal, state, or local public health agencies and other healthcare workers who carry out functions necessary to the operation of the state's healthcare infrastructure that were not included in 1A.
- **First Responders***: All federal, state, and/or local first responders beyond EMS/EMTs in 1A, including law enforcement, fire services, corrections, and certain social service agencies.
- **Emergency Management and Public Works***: Federal, state, or local government employees in emergency management and public works agencies, identified nonprofit organizations designated as partner voluntary agencies.
- **Emergency Services Sector**: Employees defined in the [emergency services sector](#) not otherwise listed, including law enforcement, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, emergency management, and public works.

As we receive information from the Department of Health and Senior Services, we will update further information on opening of other tiers. We encourage the public to fill out this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLBL7QC> to be put on a waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine. Once the vaccine is made available for your tier, the Christian County Health Department will use your information from your completed survey to contact you with further instructions on how to schedule an appointment to receive your vaccination.

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