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Vaccination Appointments Updated

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) wants to keep everyone up to date on relevant info for finding and making an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination.

Most vaccine sites are booked full, but there are more openings near the end of February. The Creighton Rasmussen site has more openings than other sites. Your appointment might be any day between Tuesday and Sunday depending on location and openings.

DCHD is focused on residents who are 75 and older, but 10% of vaccine supply is to be given to essential infrastructure workers including law enforcement. People 18 to 64 at risk of severe illness are asked to contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) about vaccination. Healthcare workers that did not get vaccinated during Phase 1A can schedule an appointment on DCHD's website or by calling (402) 444-3400. If weather keeps you from making your appointment, please cancel and reschedule online or over the phone

Due to comparatively low supply, vaccines can only be given by appointment. Drop ins will be turned away. Please do not "camp out" at clinics to ask for leftover vaccines at the end of the day. DCHD made plans with critical infrastructure workers to provide them with any unused vaccines.

On Friday, February 5, the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) reported 107 new cases of COVID-19 that were received over the past day ending at midnight. The total number of cases in the county since the start of the pandemic in March is 61,727.

The Health Department received seven new death certificates related to the pandemic during the past day. Four men whose ages range from their 50s to their 80s and three women from their 70s to their 90s have passed away. The number of deaths in the county connected to the pandemic is now at 618. DCHD reports that 49,254 Douglas County residents have recovered from the disease.

According to the most recent local hospital report received yesterday afternoon, medical and surgical beds were at 78% occupancy with 337 beds available and adult ICU beds are occupied at a 74% rate with 90 beds available. There were 177 individuals hospitalized who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, with 55 of them receiving adult ICU level care. There are also 13 more persons of interest (generally waiting for test results). Twenty-four individuals who were confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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