

December 30, 2020

When Will the Vaccination Be Available for Me? 12-30-2020

Hello, this is Ron Woody, Roane County Executive, with a December 30, 2020 Covid update of the current Vaccination Plan.

The State released today the updated plan dated December 30, 2020.

This plan is located on the Roane County website at www.roanecountytn.gov.

This is a fluid plan subject to change. Currently there are six (6) Phases with simultaneous age-based criteria. They are not numbered 1-6 but as follows:

- 1a1
- 1a2
- 1b
- 1c
- 2a/b
- 3

The Vaccination Plan is risk based:

- Risk to our healthcare infrastructure- frontline workers
- Risk to individual health outcomes- most vulnerable

So protect the health system then protect the most vulnerable.

Most vulnerable deals with age as over 52% of all hospitalizations are 65 and older and make up 80% of all deaths.

First Phase 1a1

- Health Care Workers
- LTCF Staff and Residents
- First Responders

Second Phase 1a2

- All other Health Care Workers
- Funeral/Mortuary
- Ages 75+

Roane County is in Phase 1a1, 1a2, and 75 years and older.

In the next several days the State will be launching an online eligibility tool, which will assist Tennesseans in determining their appropriate vaccination phase, as well as a sign up for a notification when it's your turn to be vaccinated.

Phase 1a1, 1a2, and 75 years and older will be the month of January. Hopefully Phase 1b will start in February/March which includes:

- School and Children Staff
- First Responders Administration
- 65 years and Older

Please review the estimated timeline and Phase Graph located on page 13 of the Covid-19 Vaccination Plan Dated 12-30-2020 Version 3.0.

If you think you may be in a phase that is being vaccine, please call the Roane County Health Department at 865-354-1220.

Please understand the plan is fluid, specifically with the timeline. If you look at the estimated population served, it totals a little less than 2 million. The State population is about 6.9 million.

Be patient. Be diligent. It may take us the better part of the year to have enough vaccinations for all who desire to be vaccinated, but we will get there as new vaccines come available.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more about the vaccination plans and data become available.

As of 12-29-2020, 1.09% of 53,400 individuals in Roane County have been vaccinated which is 582.

We have a ways to go.

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