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Press Release

Hello, this is Ron Woody, Roane County Executive, with a Tuesday, March 16th 12:30 pm update.

We continue to have good news related to Covid-19.

First, the State's website is easier to view and retrieve data and information on who is administering shots, which shots are being given, and if vaccines are currently available at that particular location.

Go to the Tennessee Department of Health's website and there are two (2) banners at the top of the page. The red banner takes you to the Vaccine Information. Here is the link for the vaccine information page <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/>

Second, Roane County is four (4) phases deep in the Risk Based Phase at 1c and three (3) phases deep in the Age Phase at 65 and up in age.

Third, three (3) different types of vaccinations are available: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson.

Fourth, as of this morning, there are nine (9) distribution vendors or sites, and of those nine (9), five (5) had vaccines in stock.

Fifth, at many sites one can call to be placed on a waiting list which can be used at the end of the day to call on a short notice to receive the vaccine. Generally, this list does not require one to meet the phase requirement. Often times, extra shipments have come in to the vendors or appointments have been cancelled.

Sixth, the Health Department will begin extending hours to serve the public. They will be open 12 hours on Tuesday with appointments from 7 am to 7 pm, hopefully within the next couple of weeks. Go on to the website mentioned before or call the Health Department to make your appointment.

The Health Department has also improved the processing time for a vaccination which allows more vaccinations during the day.

Seventh, the data continues to improve. This information is based on Monday, March 15th.

Roane County is under 100 active cases at 64. Total recovered is 5,838 thus active is near 1%. Over the last seven (7) days we have averaged 76 tests a day with a positivity rate of 5.6%.

We have not had a death in almost 20 days with our death rate at 96.

At least 15.87% of the Roane County population has received at least one (1) dose, and 9.49% has completed the series.

Continue to stay healthy and thanks for tuning in.

Roane County's Mask Mandate will end at the end of the month; however, the Courthouse is governed by the State Supreme Court and will still be under a mask mandate.

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