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Governor Laura Kelly Announces Kansas to Move to Phase 5

~~Starting Monday, March 29 all Kansans Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine~~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that starting next Monday, March 29, 2021 the State of Kansas will make COVID-19 vaccine available to all Kansans (16+), entering the final Phase 5 of the [Vaccine Prioritization](#).

“With the anticipated increase in supply from the federal government, we must get every dose of vaccine into arms quickly,” **Governor Laura Kelly said**. “I strongly encourage every Kansan to get the COVID-19 vaccine, so we can get back to school, back to work, and back to normal.”

Kansas will become the 8th state to make vaccine available to all adults, joining Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Utah, and West Virginia.

As of March 26, 35.1% of the adult (18+) population had received at least one dose of the vaccine.

In the early part of the vaccination program (December 2020 – February 2021), limited federal supply led to demand for vaccine consistently outstripping supply. However, the supply increases of recent weeks have reversed this situation. Local Health Departments (LHDs) and providers have started reporting a decline in demand despite the state opening to Phases 3 and 4 populations. To ensure no vaccine goes to waste, the Kelly administration decided to open eligibility to all Kansans.

Kansans are encouraged to use the [Vaccine Finder](#) tool to find the nearest location with available vaccine.