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Audrain County Health Department (ACHD) has received its first order of 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine through the State of Missouri on December 21st. Currently we are in the Phase 1A of the vaccination process. We have begun the vaccination process for frontline medical workers in doctor’s offices and clinical settings that are not affiliated with SSM-Audrain. Those affiliated with SSM-Audrain are receiving their vaccinations through the SSM corporate office and not the health department. As for the long-term care facilities, those vaccinations of the workers and the residents are being handled through the federal Warp Speed program and are being vaccinated through Walgreens and CVS Pharmacies.

The next phase will be Phase 1B. This phase includes over 2.6 million individuals in Missouri. This phase was initially set to start sometime in January but the state, due to high demand of the vaccine, has shifted that to a tentative date in February so that all the long-term care facilities can receive their vaccinations. Phase 1B includes a hierarchy of six tiers (see graph below). Critical infrastructure organizations such as childcare, schools, energy, etc. are designated as the last group in Phase 1B at tier six. ACHD does not have an estimated timeline on when each of the tiers in Phase 1B will be approved for vaccinations by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). We will notify these groups and open the request for vaccinations once DHSS approves moving forward with Phase 1B.

For the general population of Audrain County, the vaccine should be available sometime in late Spring to early Summer. There will be a media campaign launched by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services when that phase opens to the general public directing them how to go about scheduling their vaccine shots with their provider. ACHD will be pushing out information to the general public through press releases and our social media channels.

The prioritization list is subject to change by the state based on vaccine availability and overall effectiveness to administer the vaccine in priority order. ACHD is required to follow the state vaccination plan, prioritization and timeline.

Phases	Who	Estimated population
Phase 1A	LTCF Staff: SNFs, RCFs, ICFs, ALF	70,000
	Paid & Unpaid Patient Facing HCW with Comorbidities (who are unable to work from home)	102,000
	Remaining Patient Facing HCW	250,000
	LTCF Residents (SNF)	38,000
Phase 1B	LTCF Residents (ALF, RCF, ICF)	18,000
	High Risk Individuals (18-64 YO)	590,000
	>65 YO	1,000,000
	First Responders (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement)	55,000
	Critical Infrastructure with High Risk	310,000
	Critical Infrastructure (childcare, schools, energy, etc.)	660,000
Phase 2	Populations at Increased Risk (Prisoners, Homeless, etc.)	40,000
Phase 3	General Population	Remaining, unvaccinated population