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COVID vaccine will be accessible to Panhandle residents age 75 and older, sign up today to be notified when available

COVID vaccinations are advancing in the Panhandle with 4200 doses received the week of December 21. This was enough to cover everyone in Phase 1 that was ready including healthcare workers, EMS, and long-term care facilities. Most of the long-term care facilities are working with the federal Pharmacy Partner Program and will be getting their vaccinations in January through an additional allotment.

As the Panhandle receives more vaccine, the focus will be on people age 75 and older. People who have signed up will be notified when vaccine is available in the coming weeks.

Anyone 75 and older and interested in getting a COVID vaccine, please call 308-262-5764 or 308-633-2866 ext. 101 and leave a message with your name, date of birth, county, and phone number. The form can also be completed at <https://tinyurl.com/ycpxzr5d>. This will put you on the list and you will be called when vaccines are available. It may be several weeks.

As we have committed throughout this entire COVID pandemic, public health and your local healthcare providers will be certain to keep you informed of when you are eligible. You can remain proactive by getting vaccinated when it becomes available to you, your family, and your loved ones.

The Panhandle COVID dashboard is updated weekdays at 4:30 pm MT and available at www.pphd.org. For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Essential updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website www.pphd.org.