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To: All State Employees
From: Secretary DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Department of Administration
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccination Update for State Employees
Date: December 17, 2020

Dear State Employee,

I wanted to take a moment to discuss how Covid-19 vaccinations will be made available for State of Kansas employees. As Governor Kelly announced, healthcare workers will be first in line to receive vaccinations and distribution of those vaccines will begin as soon as possible. Currently healthcare workers and long-term care residents are the first priority groups for the vaccine. It is anticipated that this will take through the end of January to reach these groups. KDHE anticipates listing out additional groups dependent upon availability in the near future. For more information about Governor Kelly's Vaccine Distribution Framework, please read the press release [here](#).

Much like the initial restrictions at the beginning of the pandemic, the rollout of vaccines to state employees will occur methodically in phases, to ensure that those at the most risk are prioritized. KDHE is working on guidance to assist agencies in determining which employees should be considered essential for the purposes of vaccination.

Once plans have been developed and the vaccine becomes available, the Department of Administration will work closely with KDHE and Marathon Health Clinic to ensure distribution happens in an orderly way that is both convenient for state employees, and in accordance with the guidance developed by KDHE.

I understand that there is a tremendous amount of interest in the vaccination schedule, but it is important to limit the spread of disinformation or speculation. As more information becomes available, the Department of Administration and KDHE will proactively communicate with you and with your agency leadership.

Thank you for your patience and ongoing dedication to the State of Kansas during the Covid-19 crisis. For additional on-going general updates please tune in to KDHE's [Vaccine Update](#), provided by 5 p.m. every Wednesday. Please reach out to your HR Office if you have additional questions.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays.