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Press Release: Vaccine Phase Updates

Governor Laura Kelly Announces Kansas Will Move To Phase 3 and 4 of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

~ State to begin vaccinating Kansans who qualify in Phase 3 and Phase 4 on March 22, 2021~

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced the state will move to Phase 3 and 4 of Kansas' COVID-19 vaccination plan on March 22, 2021. With this move, individuals between ages 16 and 64 with a preexisting medical condition and other non-healthcare workers in critical infrastructure will be eligible for vaccination.

“Thanks to an increased supply in vaccine, Kansas will begin vaccinating individuals who qualify in either Phase 3 or Phase 4 on March 22,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “This expedited timeline will allow Kansans to get back to work, back to school, and back to a more normal way of life. I urge all Kansans to do their part by getting vaccinated when it is their turn and continuing to follow the public health guidance, so we can return back to normal.”

Kansans now eligible to be vaccinated include:

• Those over 18 with conditions that increase the risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including:

- o Cancer;
- o Down Syndrome;
- o Certain heart conditions;
- o Type 1 & 2 diabetes;
- o Pregnancy;
- o Asthma;
- o Cystic fibrosis;
- o Liver disease;
- o Neurological conditions like dementia;

