

Message regarding vaccines..

Gonzales Healthcare Systems is continually monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been working on processes, procedures, and patient care since early 2020. Our current focus is vaccine administration.

At this time, Gonzales Healthcare Systems has received the Moderna vaccine, and those doses have been administered to persons listed in the Phase I vaccine guidelines put out by the State of Texas. We have been working with frontline workers in our area to ensure that those persons are vaccinated first, so they can continue to care for our community. Texas Department of State Health Services has announced that vaccine allotments for the week of January 11th are being directed to large sites around the state, to vaccinate more than 100,000 people. These vaccination hubs will be posted on the DSHS website on Sunday, January 10th. Our allotments for next week are minimal, and we will continue with our area frontline workers.

Planning is ongoing between Gonzales Healthcare Systems, City of Gonzales, and Gonzales County to organize a community vaccination event. Determining factors include vaccine allotments. Once we have adequate vaccine on-hand, we will begin vaccinating the 65+ age group, and hopefully be able to offer a large community vaccination effort.

Further updates will be posted to the Gonzales Healthcare Systems website (www.gonzaleshealthcare.com [1]), Facebook page, and in the Gonzales Inquirer. Please check these resources first for information. We further ask that you be patient during this time. Our offerings to the community are dependent on the State, and we will act accordingly. Estimates are still Spring 2021 for vaccines to be available to the general public.

We do encourage all eligible individuals to receive the vaccine when it is available. This is a safe practice to help fight COVID-19, and to help end this pandemic.

More details regarding the COVID-19 vaccines can be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services website.

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx> [2]

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