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Taney County Health Department Vaccinates 3152 Residents Against COVID-19
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD), in conjunction with the Missouri National Guard, vaccinated 1200 Taney County Residents against COVID-19, on Saturday, February 13, 2021. “This clinic would not have been possible without the National Guard and the many volunteers who came out to help.” Lisa Marshall Director of TCHD, “Thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday and made it happen.”

To date, TCHD has vaccinated 3152 residents and 1487 residents have had both first and second doses. Vaccine supply continues to be the biggest obstacle in vaccinating residents as quickly as possible. Each week, the state of Missouri receives approximately 76,000 vaccines. These vaccines are distributed across the state in the following way:

- 53% to hospitals (ie Cox and Mercy)
- 23% to National Guard for regional mass vaccination clinics
- 8% to Local Public Health Agencies (ie TCHD)
- 8% to Federally Qualified Health Centers (ie Jordan Valley)
- 8% to other enrolled providers or “community providers” requesting vaccine (ie pharmacies)

“We are encouraging residents to get on as many wait lists as possible.” states Lisa Marshall, Director of TCHD, “Hospitals are receiving the majority of the vaccine, and will be able to vaccinate those on their waiting lists quicker simply because of supply.”

TCHD continues to follow the guidelines for distributing the vaccine set forth by the State of Missouri. Currently we are vaccinating those in Phase 1B tier 2.

For a complete list of the priority groups, visit <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov>

Taney County Health Department is committed to vaccinating the residents of Taney County as quickly as possible. Please continue to practice masking, physically distancing, and hand washing and thank you for your patience.

For more information contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544, visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org, or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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