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Victoria officials to open COVID-19 vaccine registration, clinic

Victoria City and County officials and local hospital representatives on Wednesday will open registration for an appointment-only COVID-19 vaccination clinic to be hosted Thursday to residents identified in phases 1A and 1B according to guidelines issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Phase 1A includes health care workers, emergency service providers and others with an increased risk of coming into contact with the coronavirus, while Phase 1B includes those at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and people aged 65 and older. Detailed information about vaccine eligibility can be found on the DSHS website at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

The vaccination clinic will open Thursday and will be available only to those who have registered to set up an appointment ahead of time.

Registration for an appointment can be completed starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at <https://vctxcovid.apptoto.com/> or by contacting the COVID-19 vaccine hotline – 361-580-5796 – Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., excluding weekends and County holidays.

The following organizations have worked to organize the vaccination clinic:

- Victoria County Public Health Department
- Victoria City/County Office of Emergency Management
- City of Victoria
- Victoria County
- Citizens Medical Center
- DeTar Healthcare System
- Post Acute Medical

The operation is expected to vaccinate approximately 1,000 residents. Future clinics will be scheduled once additional doses become available from the state.

Residents who are eligible to receive the vaccine are encouraged to do so to protect themselves and others.

Further communications about vaccine availability will be made through the Swift 911 Emergency Notification System, so it is important to sign up to receive alerts by texting the word “ADD” to 361-433-4554. This is not a registration for an appointment.

Despite vaccine distribution underway, Victoria residents are strongly encouraged to continue

following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These include wearing facial coverings; avoiding large gatherings; and practicing hygiene measures such as frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes and avoiding contact with people who are sick.

Victoria City/County officials, including the mayor and judge, emergency response officials and area hospitals, continue to work together to meet the needs of the community, inform the community about state vaccine allocations and provide logistical support to Victoria's area health care facilities.

For more information, visit www.vcphd.org, follow the Victoria County Public Health Department on Facebook, follow our other participating partners' social media pages or visit www.victoriatoem.org.

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