

**LLANO COUNTY PRESS RELEASE**

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**COVID-19 (New Coronavirus)**



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In October 2020, the Llano County Local Health Authority, Dr. Franklin, Corner Drug Pharmacy in Llano, and Bay Pharmacy in Horseshoe Bay registered as vaccine providers in Llano County. Additionally, the Llano County Judge and Dr. Franklin's office contacted DSHS and requested vaccine for Llano County 1A and 1B category personnel in the county and cities of Llano, Sunrise Beach Village, and Horseshoe Bay. DSHS has now entered week 7 of their vaccine distribution plan and as of this date, Llano County has only been allocated 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine which has been distributed to a portion of the individuals in the 1A category.

On January 11, 2020, Texas DSHS modified the state vaccine plan and established large vaccination sites or hubs around the state. The goal of these hubs is to provide more people the vaccine and a simpler way to sign up for an appointment.

In light of the state modified vaccine plan, today, the Llano County Local Health Authority submitted a tri-county Vaccine Hub Plan for Llano, Mason, and San Saba Counties. If approved by DSHS and vaccine is allocated, this plan will provide for vaccine coverage to approximately 30,000 persons.

At this time, it is unknown if the plan will be approved and if approved, the quantity of vaccine or timeframe in which it will be made available. Until approval and vaccine is designated, residents who are designated 1A and 1B that desire to be vaccinated are encouraged to contact Baylor Scott and White-Marble Falls at 830.201.8000 or Hill Country Memorial Hospital-Fredericksburg at 830.990.6648. Veterans of our U.S. military branches can also visit, <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/> to register and obtain vaccine in Kerrville, Texas.

DSHS has additional information on COVID-19 vaccines at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

In August 2020, Llano County Commissioners Court allocated \$157,000 of CAREs Act funds to the Local Health Authority for the purpose of obtaining staff and equipment to conduct COVID testing throughout the county. Through these efforts and in working with our local health care providers and volunteers, we conducted three mass testing events and now have testing available in Llano, Kingsland, and Horseshoe Bay. This testing on a local level has enabled Llano County to work with patients who test positive to complete contact tracing in a much more effective and efficient manner. The availability of testing in Llano and surrounding counties has resulted in almost 9,000 Llano residents having been tested.

Llano County will continue work closely with local and state officials to identify and obtain available options for vaccine. As developments occur, we are prepared to immediately begin vaccinating eligible patients in Groups 1A and 1B.

For additional information regarding Llano County's preparation and response to COVID-19, please see [www.co.llano.tx.us](http://www.co.llano.tx.us) or contact Emergency Management Coordinator- Gilbert Bennett at 325-247-2039 or email at: [gbennett@co.llano.tx.us](mailto:gbennett@co.llano.tx.us).

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