To date, Sangamon County has provided 6,476 first dose vaccines to residents.

To date, Sangamon County has provided 0 second dose vaccines to residents.

Sangamon County has distributed 13,425 doses of vaccine to our medical partners (Memorial Medical System, HSHS St John’s, SIU School of Medicine and the Springfield Clinic).

A total of 26,290 County residents have been vaccinated, with the remainder coming from the federal long term care vaccination program and locations such as Hy-Vee and Walgreens.

Sangamon County has approximately 7,000 doses available, enough for approximately 20 days.

Sangamon County has 13,772 vaccine appointments in the next six weeks.

Up until just recently, the vaccine distribution to Sangamon County has been unpredictable, both in how much vaccine the county receives and when the vaccine arrives. However, the vaccine roll out has grown more reliable in the last few days.

Sangamon County has received an average of 2,300 doses each of the last two weeks, and expects a similar amount this week.

To date, Sangamon County has received one shipment of vaccine (1,600 doses) dedicated for 2nd dose shots, which arrived today. It is still unclear if this will be a regular shipment, with roughly the same amount at the same time. As a result, and until the second dose supply becomes more reliable, the county will continue to reserve a portion of its current supply for second doses.
Sangamon County initially established a criteria of age 85 and older for the limited supply that was available at the time. To date, not all of the individuals that have reservations with the SCDPH meet the age 85 and older criteria. However, all reservations do meet the criteria for the 1b category. Due to the growing availability of the vaccine, SCDPH will honor those reservations not meeting the age 85 and older criteria as long as they meet the 1b requirements. We believe our initial program correctly targeted the most vulnerable population, but now, as the vaccine distribution expands it is appropriate to maintain the flow of vaccinations with minimal disruptions.

Similar to the County, our medical partners have been performing their own beta test on a vaccination program and feel comfortable with expanding the process beyond the initial test period.

As such, Sangamon County will soon be providing vaccine to our medical partners, starting the first phase with Memorial Health System and HSHS St. John’s, in order to supply new ongoing locations for residents to receive the vaccine. Additional details will be released soon, including locations, start dates, hours, etc. A reservation system will be used to make appointments and those seeking the vaccine must meet the 1b criteria.

Springfield Clinic and SIU School of Medicine are vital partners in our efforts to combat COVID. Both medical partners are ready, willing and able to stand up clinics to serve the community as soon as adequate supplies of vaccine become available. We intend to provide vaccine for these critical medical partners as soon as supplies are adequate.

Sangamon County and our medical partners will also be working with other entities designated by the state to provide additional opportunities to receive the vaccine. Details are still being worked out and should be released sometime soon.

We continue to look for opportunities to reach targeted population groups as the vaccine supply allows.

We want to make clear that while SCDPH and our medical partners are prepared to administer additional vaccine when it becomes available, we mean no criticism of the state’s distribution efforts. We have tried to counsel the community that we believe that the vaccine roll out will first be slow and targeted and then fast and comprehensive.

It is important for the public to realize that in an effort to vaccinate such a large population the most effective means is through dispersed vaccination locations to maximize opportunities and minimize congestion. To the public, these multiple locations and processes may, at first, seem chaotic, but this is inevitable during the early stages of standing up such a massive distribution system. We applaud all efforts by all parties to deliver vaccine to our community.