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## **Victoria officials to open registration for second COVID-19 vaccination 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.

New registration technology has been put in place to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic going forward. Registration for an appointment for Thursday's clinic can be completed starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at [www.victoriatxcovidvaccines.com](http://www.victoriatxcovidvaccines.com) or by contacting the new COVID-19 vaccine hotline – 1-888-966-5640. Based on the Jan. 21 vaccination clinic's response from the public, officials anticipate the limited amount of received vaccines will be allocated quickly.

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

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 1,500 residents. Future clinics will be scheduled once additional doses become available from the state. Communications about vaccine availability will continue to 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.

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>.

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](http://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](http://www.victoriatoem.org).

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