The Kansas Department of Health and Environment pushed the state forward to Phase Two of its COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, allowing the Harvey County Health Department to begin vaccinations on new demographics.

Phase Two will include people 65 years old and older, congregate settings and high-contact critical workers. Phase Two could eventually include several thousand people in Harvey County.

The Health Department has begun scheduling appointments for people 65 years old and older, as well as establishing a waiting list to schedule appointments as additional vaccine becomes available. Individuals 65 and older can call 316-836-4990 to make an appointment.

The Health Department has also started vaccinating law enforcement, first responders and K-12 educators.

Expanding further into Phase Two is dependent on the availability of vaccine. More information about vaccinations in Kansas can be found at kansasvaccine.gov. Local information can be found at harveycounty.com/covid19vaccine.

Active COVID-19 cases gradually decreased in Harvey County in January, though they remained in triple digits for a fourth consecutive month.