

BROOKINGS COUNTY - PHASE 1D VACCINATION PLAN (3 /4/21)

On March 3, the South Dakota Department of Health opened up Phase 1d eligibility to those with approved underlying health conditions while also changing the requirements from two approved underlying medical conditions to only one. Approved conditions the Department of Health includes in this group are:

- Asthma (moderate to severe)
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diabetes Mellitus (type 1 and type 2)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Liver disease
- Neurological conditions, such as dementia
- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary Fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Severe obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

To date, the 1d eligible individuals in the Department of Health's plan include:

- Individuals 65+ years of age
- High-risk individuals
- People who live in a congregate setting
- People with approved underlying medical conditions

Community Vaccination Center (POD): In following with the DOH's plan, starting on Friday, March 5, Brookings County residents with a DOH-approved underlying medical condition may register for the March 11 community vaccination center by calling (605) 692-2811 or visiting brookingshealth.org/POD. All others eligible in phase 1d may also register.

Retail pharmacies: Locally individuals eligible to receive the vaccine according the Department of Health's guidelines may sign-up for a vaccine time online for Walmart, HyVee, Brothers Pharmacy and Lewis Drug.

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine: On Feb. 27, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Johnson & Johnson (aka, Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA found the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was 86% effective at preventing severe cases of COVID-19, reducing hospitalizations and death. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires a single shot and can be stored at much warmer temperatures than the other vaccines, making it much easier to safely distribute. **Encourage people not to wait until they have their choice of vaccine.** Getting vaccinated with the first vaccine available will help prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death.

Brookings County residents may still join the vaccine waiting list at brookingshealth.org/vaccine. More information about vaccines for Brookings County, including the number of doses arriving weekly, can be found at brookingshealth.org/vaccine.