THIS WEEK’S PROGRESS

- On Jan. 25, Governor Andy Beshear announced Kentucky had administered 88% of all initial vaccine doses sent to the state’s program.

- On Jan. 26, Gov. Beshear spoke with the President’s COVID-19 team where he learned the federal government will increase each state’s supply of COVID-19 vaccines by 17%. The state was also guaranteed a minimum supply for three consecutive weeks.

- A new state website, vaccine.ky.gov, and hotline was unveiled on Jan. 28 that helps Kentuckians determine if they are eligible to receive a vaccine and then helps them find a site in their region.

- The hotline – 855-598-2246 or TTY 855-326-4654 (for deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians) – is available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Hotline operators are prepared to walk a person without internet through what's on the website via a phone call.

NEXT WEEK’S GOALS

- Vaccine allocations, week of Feb. 1: Pfizer 28,275; Moderna 36,700

- The state, in partnership with Kroger Health, will open its first regional vaccination site at the Kentucky Horse Park in Fayette County next week. Three additional regional sites are opening through partners Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville and Western Baptist and Lourdes Mercy both in Paducah. Learn more, here.

- Beginning Feb. 1, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccination priority will be phase 1B, people ages 70 or older. Other Kentuckians from phases 1A and 1B remain eligible for vaccination.

- As vaccine quantities and available appointments allow, persons in phase 1C may also be scheduled, to ensure each vaccination site administers 90% or more of the doses received within seven days of arrival.

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Governor said the top-line message on vaccines is the same as it has been: Our one issue is supply. Our only limitation at this point is the number of doses we can get from the federal government.

- Continue to social distance, wear a face mask in public, and wash your hands, even if you have received the vaccine.

- Resources, FAQs, links to information: kycovid19.ky.gov.