



## **Residents 70+ Encouraged to Register for COVID Vaccine**

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**PUEBLO, CO.** - The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment working alongside numerous first responder agencies and volunteers administered more than 8,600 COVID-19 vaccines to Pueblo County residents age 70-and-older in January.

The effort to continue to vaccinate this age group will shift into high gear on Wednesday as the community clinic is expected to dispense a record 1,500 vaccines to residents 70-and-older who have not yet received the first dose of the vaccine.

"In just three weeks, we have vaccinated a good portion of our residents age 70-and-older but we know there are many more out there in this age group that haven't received their first dose," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "To ensure they get their vaccine before we move on to teachers and those over 65, we encourage Pueblo's 70 plus citizen's that have been waiting to register to get vaccinated. Wednesday's clinic is the last one dedicated to just them."

Those who are 70-and-older and have not registered for the vaccine are encouraged to do so by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 in order to receive the vaccine at Wednesday's clinic. This will be the only first-dose clinic held this week. The week of February 8<sup>th</sup>, our community will move into second dose vaccinations for our seniors who have already received their first dose.

Registrations can be made by calling 719-583-4444 and press option one or by going online at [pueblovaxnow.com](http://pueblovaxnow.com). Residents 70 and older who missed their call or their appointment should call the hotline to be added to Wednesday's clinic. Residents who registered prior to Monday, but were under 65 will need to re-register because they were not eligible at the time of registration. Only those who are registered and assigned a time to report will be allowed into the clinic.

"We plan to hold vaccination clinics as often as possible depending on the amount of vaccine we receive each week," noted Randy Evetts, public health director of Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. "By signing up, people secure a spot for themselves when vaccine becomes available," said Evetts.

Soon, Pueblo County will open the community clinic up to anyone over the age of 65, as per Governor Jared Polis' recent announcement. Registrations are currently being accepted for those age 65 and older and administration of the vaccines is expected to begin the week of Feb.15.

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