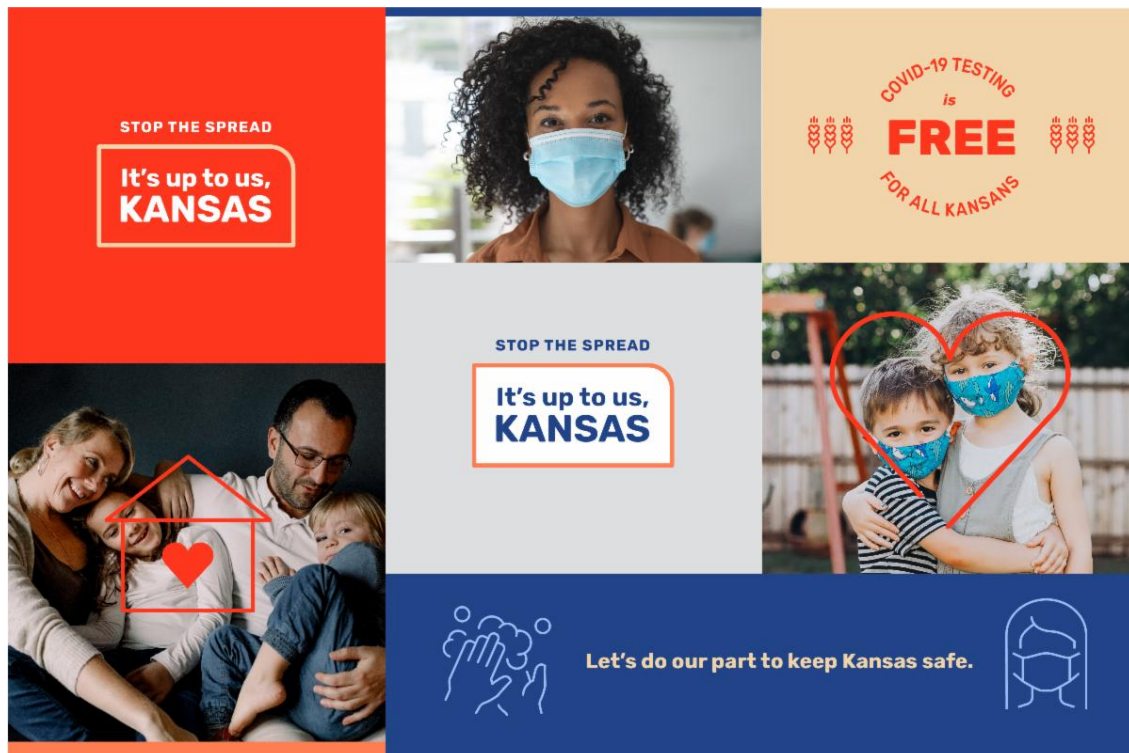




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CARES funding aids in distribution process of COVID-19 vaccinations



On November 20, the State Finance Council approved \$18.5 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) of the federal CARES Act to be allocated toward the continuing public health response. A portion of these funds will be distributed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to fund the COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan. In a press conference on Tuesday, Governor Laura Kelly announced a plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccination to Kansans. This plan will be executed in 3 phases after the vaccinations produced by Pfizer and Moderna are authorized for Emergency Use by the Food and Drug Administration (which could be as soon as December 10 and December 14, respectively):

KDHE will work to ensure that those who qualify for vaccinations under Phase 1 could be vaccinated by the end of December, should the vaccinations be authorized for Emergency Use. Those who qualify for vaccinations under Phases 2 and 3 should be able to receive vaccinations on a rolling basis, between winter and late spring.

"We have laid our framework to **prioritize vaccine delivery to those on the front lines of our pandemic response or those disproportionately affected by the virus**", Governor Laura Kelly stated in her Tuesday press conference. "With this schedule, we intend to **protect the greatest number of Kansans, foster economic recovery, and get our kids back into school buildings** as quickly and safely as possible".

Free COVID-19 tests available to Kansans

Thanks to the investments approved by the SPARK taskforce and State Finance Council, Kansans can book an appointment to receive a free COVID-19 test online. To book a test or see the locations of where free testing is located, please click on the button below.

Go Get Tested

Upcoming Events:

- **SPARK Taskforce meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** You can view the livestream on [Governor Laura Kelly's YouTube channel](#).
- **County spending reports due Thursday, December 10, 2020.** Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Resources available to you:

- **SPARK Taskforce Process FAQ.** Please click [here](#) to learn more about how the Governor's taskforce developed the investment priorities.
- **Grant Programs:** Please visit <https://covid.ks.gov/grant-applications/> to see what programs are currently accepting applications.
- **County Resources:** You can view all updated county resources and guidance, including the updated **Kansas Supply Chain Disruption and Delays Memo**, by visiting <https://covid.ks.gov/spark-county-resources/>

Thank you for your interest in our State's recovery efforts.

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