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Press Release

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On January 20th, Lincoln Trail District Health Department (LTDHD) accepted on-line and telephone registration appointments for eligible Moderna COVID-19 vaccine recipients in Phases 1A and 1B. Even with technology upgrades over the past year, the vaccine’s demand crippled our phone and computer systems. In a matter of 3.5 hours, we received 16,438 phone calls and 6,222 visits to our website - equating to over 20,000 attempts for only 590 doses.

Despite all this, we scheduled all available appointments open to those 70+, ahead of the projected date of February 1st. These doses accounted for 25% of our total allocation. This is much better than we anticipated and was undoubtedly due to our partnership with our local hospitals in vaccinating healthcare workers.

The Moderna vaccine requires two doses, 28 days apart, to be 94% effective. LTDHD will use all available first doses by the end of the week. All remaining stock will be used to provide second doses. We do not expect to receive additional vaccines until mid-late February. However, this is not a certainty. The uncertainty of knowing when more vaccine will arrive prevents us from placing individuals on waiting lists.

We encourage the public to look for other vaccination opportunities within the community. Visit the kycovid19.ky.gov for updates regarding which Kroger and pharmacy sites will be available to provide the vaccine in the near future. We will also post any available information on our website at www.ltdhd.org.