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Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at SWOSU to Include Teachers



Preparing shots for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics at SWOSU are (from left) Dr. Stephen Drinnon, Dr. Krista Brooks, Dr. Jeanna Smith, Dr. Sarah Yount and Dr. Nina Morris.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford continue to serve residents from around the state of Oklahoma.

An additional highlight on February 26 will have Weatherford and Hydro-Eakly Public Schools teachers getting their shots after 3 p.m.

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Center Coordinator Randy Curry said the number of vaccinations given at SWOSU has already reached 6,500, and the Friday clinics continue to serve over 1,000 residents each time.

As soon as the Oklahoma State Department of Health opens the phase for other school employees, Curry said a clinic will be set up first for SWOSU employees followed by students later.

All clinics are being held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center (900 N. Seventh Street) on the SWOSU campus, which was approved and set up as a point of distribution. The vaccinations being given now at SWOSU are for people in phase 2 of the state's 4-phase plan.

All appointments are set up through the online portal of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH): <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/>. The clinics should continue Fridays for several months.

Curry encourages everyone to sign up on the OSDH scheduler, and it will place everyone in the appropriate category for vaccines. It is his understanding that appointments open seven days in advance, depending on the amount of vaccine coming from the federal government.

Residents coming to the Pioneer Cellular Event Center should enter through the west doors. Appointments are required. Masks and distancing are required.

SWOSU faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy, School of Nursing and School of Allied Health—as well as many volunteers from SWOSU —have been assisting with the Oklahoma State Department of Health clinics.

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