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**Bell County Announces Changes to Vaccination Center Operations**

**Belton, TX** – On Wednesday, January 20, Bell County health officials announced changes to the operations of its two COVID-19 vaccination centers.

Beginning this week, the county’s vaccination centers in Temple and Killeen will each adjust their days of operation. Both centers will now be open Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Emails communicating the resulting shift in schedules are being sent Thursday to those with appointments on or after Sunday, January 24.

“The goal of these changes is to create a schedule that will not be disrupted by potential delays with the shipping of our allocated vaccine doses,” Dr. Amanda Chadwell, Director of the Bell County Public Health District said. “By closing on Sunday and Monday, we should be able to reserve enough doses that we can continue to operate, even if we do not receive that week’s delivery until Tuesday, as was the case this week.”

Unfortunately, this change is going to impact all appointments scheduled on Sunday, January 24, or later.

“I can certainly understand the frustration that this may cause some of our patients,” Dr. Chadwell said, “but we believe that this is a necessary adjustment to help us better serve the people of Bell County and Texas moving forward.”

Those with vaccination appointments scheduled this Sunday or later will keep the same appointment time but be moved to a date two to four days later. This shift is detailed in the table below:

<b>If your original appointment was on</b>	<b>Your new appointment is for the same time on this new day</b>
Sunday, January 24, 2021	Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Monday, January 25, 2021	Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Tuesday, January 26, 2021	Thursday, January 28, 2021
Wednesday, January 27, 2021	Friday, January 29, 2021
Thursday, January 28, 2021	Saturday, January 30, 2021
Friday, January 29, 2021	Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Saturday, January 30, 2021	Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Sunday, January 31, 2021	Thursday, February 4, 2021
Monday, February 1, 2021	Friday, February 5, 2021
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	Saturday, February 6, 2021
Wednesday, February 3, 2021	Tuesday, February 9, 2021

“This is the sixth week of the state allocating vaccines across the state, and it is the beginning of just the second week for Bell County,” County Judge David Blackburn said. “It is a fluid process with a lot of moving parts, and I think everyone in the logistics chain is still learning what works best.”

“That is a good thing, and I think it will get better and better moving forward,” Judge Blackburn said.