

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
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**POLK COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY
PHASE 1A**

Many Hospitals, Health Clinics and Pharmacies across Texas have enrolled in the State of Texas program to become a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider. The enrollment process continues, and more providers will become approved over time and be eligible to receive vaccine.

The following providers in Polk County have received their first allocations of COVID-19 vaccine in the past week:

CHI St. Luke's Livingston Memorial Hospital has begun vaccinating their hospital personnel and front-line emergency health workers and are providing assistance with vaccinating other ancillary healthcare personnel and first responders in Polk County as supplies permit.

Brookshire Brothers Pharmacies (Livingston, Corrigan, and Onalaska) have received limited doses of the vaccine, and are coordinating with the Angelina County & Cities Health District to prioritize and vaccinate Phase 1A (Physician/Clinic office staff, Dentists, EMS, Home Health), throughout Polk County.

Federal Pharmacy Partners:

The CDC has paired Long-Term Care Facilities and Nursing homes with federal pharmacy partners such as Walgreens and CVS who will vaccinate nursing home staff and residents over the next several weeks.

The Livingston Walgreens, CVS, and Wal-Mart Pharmacies have not yet received allocations for general population.

Other Approved Local Providers:

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will vaccinate persons incarcerated in their facilities.

For COVID-19 vaccine allocation information for Texas, visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

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