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Victoria secures 2,000 registrants for COVID-19 vaccine

Victoria City and County officials and local hospital representatives on Wednesday successfully registered 2,000 people online and by phone to receive all available state-allocated vaccines at a Feb. 4 clinic.

Vaccines were allocated between the online and phone registration formats in order to accommodate people using both systems. Both the webpage and the phone line operated correctly with no crashes or technical difficulties.

Demand for the vaccine continues to greatly outweigh the supply available to Victoria from the state. On Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 9:20 a.m., all available online registrations for the clinic had been completed with a total of more than 40,000 pageviews throughout the same day. More than 14,000 people attempted to call the hotline between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the maximum capacity for the hotline queue was filled within six seconds.

For Victoria to operate as a designated vaccination hub and be able to vaccinate the public, the state requires that the health department accept registrations from any applicants who are qualified to receive the vaccine under the state’s tiered distribution system. Information about eligibility can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx.

Future alerts about Victoria’s vaccine availability will be provided through the Swift 9-1-1 text alert system. To sign up for alerts, text “ADD” to 361-433-4554. This is not a registration for an appointment.

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