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PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Health announced today that starting tomorrow, Thursday, February 11th, the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program (FRPP) will be activated in South Dakota. The FRPP for COVID-19 vaccination is a collaboration between the federal government, states and territories, and 21 national pharmacy partners and independent pharmacy networks, to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination across the United States.

"We welcome these retailers and their teams to the fight against COVID-19 in South Dakota," **said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health.** *"Our state's impressive progress of 'shots in arms' will only be further strengthened by their participation. Together with our health care systems, and now these retailers, we continue innovating our distribution efforts to make COVID-19 vaccination easier and faster for all South Dakotans."*

The four retailers initially participating in South Dakota include: pharmacies supplied by Cardinal Health, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Lewis Drug and Walmart Pharmacy. The initial activation includes 13 retail sites statewide and all participating pharmacies will follow the already established **PHASE I vaccination and priority group** schedule. This announcement comes on the same week priority group D has started vaccinating **those 75 and over**. To find out which group an individual falls under according to South Dakota's vaccination plan, **click here**.

Participating retail pharmacies in the state will receive an initial allotment of 2,600 doses a week total from the federal government, which is not subtracted from the state's already established weekly allotment of approximately 13,500 doses. As vaccine supply increases in the future, participating locations and their designated allotment is also expected to increase accordingly.

The Department of Health also announced that beginning Monday, February 15th , the age for vaccinating those in Group 1D will be lowered to those who are 70 and older. This was previously 75 and over and will continue to be decreased in five-year increments in the coming weeks as vaccine supply allows. Individuals previously eligible but not vaccinated are encouraged to contact their vaccinating provider **HERE** to schedule their vaccination.

To view all participating retailers in South Dakota, **CLICK HERE**.

For additional information and the latest resources, visit **COVID.SD.GOV**.

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COVID-19 Community Pharmacy Vaccination Locations

County	City	Pharmacy	Address
Beadle	Huron	Brothers Pharmacies, Inc.	100 Dakota Ave. N, Ste. A
Beadle	Huron	Walmart Pharmacy	2791 Dakota Ave. S
Brookings	Brookings	Walmart Pharmacy	2233 6th St.
Clay	Vermillion	Walmart Pharmacy	1207 Princeton Ave.
Codington	Watertown	Hy-Vee Pharmacy	1320 9th Ave. SE
Davison	Mitchell	Walmart Pharmacy	1101 E Spruce St.
Hughes	Pierre	Brother's Pharmacies, Inc.	212 E Sioux Ave.
Minnehaha	Hartford	Hartford Pharmacy, LLC	304 W Hwy. 38, Ste. 102
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	Hy-Vee Pharmacy	1900 S Marion Rd.
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	Lewis Drug - #7	4409 E 26th St.
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	Lewis Drug - Westgate #2	2700 W 12th St.
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	Lewis Drug - #1	2901 S Minnesota Ave.
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	Lewis Drug - #6	5500 W 41st St.