



# **Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Press Release**

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Extends COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance to Jackson County, Kansas Residents**

MAYETTA, KS – The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Health Center has reached out to work with the Jackson County Health Department to increase the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to the 13,000 residents of Jackson County, Kan.

With a majority of Prairie Band Health Center eligible individuals having received the COVID-19 vaccine the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council has determined to extend Prairie Band Health Center resources to address the vaccination needs of the surrounding county.

“Throughout the pandemic, the Nation has worked hard to keep our community safe. We, like all residents of Jackson County, have had to change the way we lived during this National crisis in hopes of overcoming this virus and eventually returning to a somewhat normal life. In the effort to return, we need to ensure everyone who wants a vaccination can receive one and we are proud to be able to offer it to the residents of the county,” said Joseph Rupnick, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman.

The Jackson County Health Department is adhering to state vaccination guidelines and is currently vaccinating essential workers and those age 65 and over.

As the Prairie Band Health Center is not under the same State of Kansas restrictions, they will be able to assist in reaching another critical population; individuals age 64 and under with underlying health conditions.

Jackson County, Kansas residents interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination can visit the Facebook page “NEK Multi-County Health Departments, Jackson County” or call 785-364-2670 to schedule an appointment. Detailed information is also available on the Nation’s website [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).

The Prairie Band Health Center is located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, which is situated within Jackson County, Kan.

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The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is a federally recognized sovereign nation with 4,500 members. The reservation is located near Mayetta, 18 miles North of Topeka, Kansas. Further information can be found at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).