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State temporarily discontinues COVID-19 vaccine supplies because of weather; Hidalgo County prioritizes 2nd dose inoculations

EDINBURG – State officials who control COVID-19 vaccine distribution told Hidalgo County officials Wednesday morning that it was stopping the shipment of additional doses this week because of the weather.

This prompted Hidalgo County officials to enact a plan that would prioritize 2nd dose inoculations scheduled for this week.

“Once again, we are facing a new challenge in what has been some very challenging times,” Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said. “But we will get through this.”

Private providers such as area hospitals are also supplied by the state, but it is unknown how this is affecting their supplies.

As vaccine manufacturers have been ramping up production, the state had begun providing several thousand doses to Hidalgo County for 1st dose vaccinations. They would also typically provide an equal amount for 2nd dose vaccines.

Dangerous road conditions and the closing of key airports because of the weather has affected the distribution chain.

Hidalgo County is scheduled to complete some of the 1st dose point of distributions and has committed to complete all the 2nd dose point of distributions and only offer 2nd doses at our County Clinics the rest of this week.

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"As always, we ask that people remain patient," Judge Cortez said. "We will eventually have vaccines available to everyone who wants them."

Announcement will be made for those who qualify for 1st dose vaccines regarding when and where to obtain the inoculations. At this time next week's vaccine allocations have not been finalized with the state.

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