



Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution

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On Thursday, January 14, Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) requested 4,725 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the state for the week of January 18. We were notified on Friday, January 15, that we would only receive 1,200 doses from the state.

Additionally, our clinics will be full for the week of January 18, 2021. As we receive additional vaccine, we will contact businesses and individuals on our waiting list via email or by calling those who do not have internet. Be patient, as we are moving as quickly as we can.

“Demand is currently far outweighing supply. We are pleased to see so much interest in the vaccine. As vaccine comes in, we will be getting it out as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we move forward in this process,” states Steve Hall, Health Officer for Central Michigan District Health Department.

To date, we have vaccinated 2,300 individuals in our counties. We are finishing vaccinating those in Priority 1A and are working on those eligible in the 1B priority group, including residents who are 65 years and older. We have over 16,000 residents signed up who are over 65 years of age, so this process is going to take time. How quickly we can vaccinate is dependent on how much vaccine we receive from the state and federal government.

CMDHD continues to ask for patience during this period of uncertainty and we ask that individuals please refrain from calling the health department to ask about scheduling the vaccine unless they do not have access to the internet. We will continue to keep our communities updated via press release, social media, our website at www.cmdhd.org and our opt-in email. If you have not subscribed to our opt-in emails, please do so on our coronavirus page www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus. We ask for your patience as we continue to plan and prepare for additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Please visit us at our website www.cmdhd.org

Central Michigan District Health Department has a Coronavirus message center. Please call 989-773-5921 extension 1444 if you have any questions. If you are calling to sign up for the vaccine, *please leave a message only if you do not have access to the internet and cannot sign up via our online survey*. Leave your name, phone number, county of residence, and a brief message. Staff will return calls as soon as possible.

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