

DHD#10 ANNOUNCES INITIAL COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN

December 16, 2020 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) has been working hard to develop a distribution plan for when the first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine arrives. Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the COVID-19 vaccine will be prioritized in the following way (please note the priority phases are subject to change):

1. PHASE 1A includes
 - a. Persons serving in healthcare settings with high risk for COVID exposure
 - i. EMS staff
 - ii. Medical First Responders
 - iii. DHD#10 vaccine clinic staff
 - b. Residents of long-term care facilities
 - i. Many long-term care facilities are partnering with CVS or Walgreens to receive the vaccine
 - ii. For those who are not partnering with pharmacies, DHD#10 will provide the vaccine to residents
 - c. Residents of homes for the aged and adult foster care centers
 - d. Other health workers who conduct high-risk procedures, have direct contact with patients, and have skills critical to keeping the healthcare system functioning
2. PHASE 1B includes
 - a. Essential workers such as
 - i. Police
 - ii. Firefighters
 - iii. Corrections Officers
 - iv. Education Sector
 - v. Food & Agriculture
 - vi. Utilities
3. PHASE 1C includes:
 - a. Adults with high-risk medical conditions
 - b. Adults 65 and older
4. PHASE 2
 - a. Remainder of Phase 1 population
 - b. Critical populations
 - c. General population



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“District Health Department #10 has established a COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Team that has been working daily to develop our plans for distributing the COVID-19 vaccine when it arrives,” states Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10. “Our goal is to get it to the priority groups as soon as possible without delay.”

DHD#10’s COVID-10 vaccine distribution plan is as follows (subject to change):

- DHD#10 will be receiving the [Moderna](#) vaccine in the first shipment, set to arrive the week of 12/21/2020.
 - MDHHS was responsible for making the determinations for where the first doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines would be distributed.

- The Pfizer vaccine should be available for use by DHD#10 when the subsequent vaccine orders are placed.
- DHD#10 will begin vaccinating Phase 1A priority groups the week of 12/28/2020, beginning with:
 - EMS
 - Medical First Responders
 - Residents of long-term care facilities who have not partnered with pharmacies for their vaccine
 - DHD#10 vaccination clinic staff
- DHD#10 will notify each priority group directly on the specifics of date, time, and location. There is no early sign-up or registration.
- DHD#10 is currently planning for vaccine distribution for all other priority groups and will notify each group on scheduled vaccine clinics.

It is anticipated that the COVID-19 vaccination will be readily available for the general public in the spring or summer of 2021.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, including an educational video on the development and safety of the COVID-19 vaccine by our Medical Director Dr. Jennifer Morse, go to www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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