

DHD#10 ADDS INTEREST SURVEY LINK TO WEBSITE FOR EMPLOYERS OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS

January 26, 2021 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is now in the planning phase for essential workers so we can determine how much COVID-19 vaccine is needed for this group. Essential workers now fall in Phase 1B - Group C, recently updated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Today, DHD#10 added a COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Survey link to our [website](#) for employers of essential workers only, not individuals, to complete. **Please note, this is not a waiting list.** It is only an interest survey so that we have the information we need when we are ready to vaccinate this group.

Currently there are three Waitlist Registration links and now the Interest Survey link on our website:

1. [Seniors 65+](#)
2. [Phase 1A Healthcare Workers](#)
3. [Phase 1B Priority Frontline Workers](#) (except for schools)
4. [Phase 1B-Group C Employers of Essential Workers \(New\)](#)

“The new Interest Survey will assist us in determining the amount of vaccine needed to accommodate essential workers,” stated Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10. “We ask that only one individual at each facility complete the survey on behalf of the entire organization so there are no duplicates.”

It is important that individuals read all instructions and information posted on our website first before completing the form to get on the waitlist. If you do not have access to technology, consider reaching out to friends or family members to ask for assistance. The fastest way to get on the waiting list is to complete the online registration.

Phase 1B includes:

- GROUP A
 - Age 65 and up
 - Priority Frontline First Responders including:
 - Police (state and local)
 - Fire
 - Corrections and County Jail Workers
- GROUP B: Priority Frontline Workers including:
 - Pre-K through 12 teachers and those staff in schools who have direct contact with children
 - Childcare staff
 - Adult and child protective services
 - Homeless shelter staff



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- GROUP C: Other frontline essential workers in sectors essential to the functioning of society and at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 because their work related duties must be performed on site and involve being in close proximity (i.e., within 6 feet) to the public or to coworkers.
 - Food and agriculture workers
 - Critical manufacturing workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers
 - U.S. Postal Service workers
 - Workers with unique skill sets not covered above, such as non-hospital laboratories and mortuary services
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DHD#10 will announce instructions for Phase 1C and Phase 2 listed below as soon as plans are in place. Please note, phases may change as vaccine supply increases.

PHASE 1C includes:

- Individuals age 16 to 64 years with COPD, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity or other conditions that puts them at [high risk of negative COVID-19 outcome](#).
- Some other essential workers whose work must be performed on site, not covered in prior Phases, will also likely be vaccinated during this phase most likely in the summer.

PHASE 2

- Individuals 16 years of age or older – all individuals who did not otherwise fit into the earlier groups for whom the vaccine is recommended.

MDHHS will adapt this guidance as vaccine availability becomes clearer.

DHD#10 asks for patience during this period of uncertainty. Please refrain from calling the health department to ask about scheduling the vaccine. Sign up for our Public Health Alert at www.dhd10.org/subscribe to stay informed.

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