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HOW DO I GET A COVID-19 VACCINE?

We have received a lot of questions about what the process is to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Lenawee County Health Department is vaccinating people based on the guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Listed below are the steps a person must take in order to obtain a vaccine through the Health Department.

- 1) Register through the on-line portal.
 - a. **Individuals** can register at <https://form.jotform.com/210055360344141> For those that are over the age of 65 and need help in registering, a message can be left at 517-592-1662 to request assistance in scheduling an appointment.
 - b. **Businesses** can register at <https://form.jotform.com/210034230815036>
- 2) Registrations are identified by priority group as established by MDHHS.
- 3) Once appointments become available for your priority group, you will receive an email with instructions on how to make your appointment. You will receive a link in this e-mail that is considered confidential to you. **DO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHERS.** Sharing of this confidential information will potentially cause a delay in your ability to make an appointment.
- 4) Appointments are filled on a first come, first serve, basis and fill very quickly. If you are unsuccessful in getting an appointment, please continue to try on a daily basis.

At this point we are only scheduling appointments for those that fall into the following categories:

- Healthcare workers
- Individuals age 65 and older
- Pre-Kindergarten through high school teachers and support staff who usually have direct contact with children
- Child care workers who usually have direct contact with children
- First responders not covered in Phase 1A (firefighters, police and conservation officers)
- Corrections workers (staff in prisons, jails and juvenile justice facilities)
- Workers in homeless shelters and congregate child care institutions
- Adult and child protective services workers

Appointment availability is based on vaccine availability. There is not enough vaccine to meet the current need for those that are eligible to receive it. As an example, last week the State of Michigan received 60,000 doses of vaccine to distribute statewide. Lenawee County Health Department requested 6,850 doses, we received 600. We have approximately 30,000 people in Lenawee County that fall into the current priority groups being vaccinated. As you can see, this is the reason that appointments fill quickly when clinics are opened up.

For those that have already received their first dose of vaccine, we have been assured that we will receive enough vaccine to make sure you receive your second dose during the appropriate timeframe.

We will continue to keep you posted on all of the latest information regarding COVID-19 through these weekly updates, media releases to the newspapers and radio stations, social media, and our website. (www.lenawee.mi.us). Should you have specific questions, Health Department personnel are available to answer COVID-19 related questions by calling (517) 264-5226 (option 5).