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State of Michigan Changes Process for Local Governments to Obtain COVID-19 Vaccine

ADRIAN, MI – The State of Michigan has issued a change in their process of vaccine distribution. Previously, local public health departments and approved providers would *request* the level of vaccine needed for their jurisdictions. The State would then allocate vaccine based on availability which resulted in jurisdictions receiving less vaccine than requested.

The State of Michigan is no longer accepting requests from local public health departments and approved providers but will be utilizing the following factors to guide their distribution levels: (1) amount of vaccine received each week from the federal government; (2) population of each community; and (3) risk factors present within the community. These factors are being used to attempt to ensure equitable distribution throughout the State.

Currently, Lenawee County has been issued 6,375 doses of vaccine between the health department and local providers such as Promedica Health Systems. Out of a Lenawee County population of just under 100,000 residents, there are approximately 30,000 people that meet the current vaccination requirements. Last week the State only provided the Lenawee County Health Department with a total of 500 doses of vaccine to be administered this week. We are constantly pressing for additional vaccine and demonstrating our County's ability to provide mass vaccination. Unfortunately, our only ability to obtain vaccine is through the federal and state government. We cannot make direct requests to the companies manufacturing the vaccine.

We ask for your continued patience as we continue to strive in obtaining the resources we desperately need to serve our community. You can register for the vaccine at our website (www.lenawee.mi.us) and we will email you to schedule your appointment when vaccine appointments are available for your priority group.

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