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## More Vaccine Arrives in Mid-Michigan

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns – Like other Michigan counties, Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm will be receiving a small amount of COVID-19 vaccine this week. All of it is the Moderna vaccine. The total number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine expected to come into our district is 9,550. Out of that, Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is receiving 1,100 doses and plans to vaccinate certain essential workers in all our counties this weekend with those doses. The remaining 8,450 doses are primarily going to hospitals.

The health department and hospitals are currently vaccinating those in priority group 1B (over 65 and essential workers) and working to finish vaccinating those in priority group 1A (health care). The health department continues to operate clinics for people over age 65, however, only a small number of doses remain, and all the appointments are taken.

The shortfall in vaccinations is disappointing, but significant work is still being done. The National Guard is finishing up vaccinating staff and employees in adult foster care facilities. CVS Pharmacy is also working on vaccinating people in long-term care facilities throughout the jurisdiction. These two efforts will protect many vulnerable adults at serious risk if exposed to COVID-19.

In addition, some area health care providers and pharmacies have vaccine and have begun to reach out to their patients offering vaccinations. Again, they have only a small amount of vaccine and most people will have to wait a few weeks before they can be vaccinated.

Next week MMDHD will order the Pfizer vaccine and if it is received, will schedule more clinics. Be sure to check our website, [www.mmdhd.org](http://www.mmdhd.org), regularly to see if we have openings. You can also sign up to receive an emailed notice of when additional clinics are scheduled. Simply go to [www.mmdhd.org](http://www.mmdhd.org) and look for the “sign up for updates” section. Facilities with essential workers that wish to be notified when vaccine is available can also sign up there. Residents now have more options for getting vaccinated and can find those on our website, including Sparrow Hospital, Spectrum Health and MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot.

There were reports in the media we want to follow up on. It was reported that some vaccines delivered to Michigan may have gone out of temperature range. This did not happen to us and those facilities that did have problems have ordered replacement doses. It was also reported that some people in California had unusual reactions associated with a certain lot of Moderna. Upon further investigation it was found that these reactions were normal, and this lot of vaccine did not come to Michigan.

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