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St. Clair County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Update

As of January 21, 2021, the St. County Health Department has received 3,075 doses of COVID vaccine and will have administered approximately 3,075 doses by the end of today.

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) received notification today that the amount of vaccine being allocated to us next week is less than anticipated. Therefore, vaccine appointments will again be limited.

Those in the priority groups including healthcare and other essential workers (Phase 1A, Phase 1B) will have a closed clinic and contacted separately by invitation only sent through their employer.

Scheduling for COVID-19 vaccine appointments will be available for **individuals ages 65 and older via the Health Department website. Anticipated time will be between 2:00pm and 4:00pm today. Please do not register if you are not in this group.** Visit www.scchealth.co and a "Schedule an Appointment" link will be highlighted. *Once appointments are full, you will no longer be able to schedule an appointment.*

By appointment only. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Due to limited quantity, appointments will fill up quickly. First come, first served. Due to extremely high call volume, please ask a family member, friend or neighbor for assistance with online scheduling. Please avoid calling the Health Department so phone lines can remain open for those who do not have help available.

***More options will be available soon for those needing help scheduling appointments, as well as improvements to our current scheduling system.

Dependent on vaccine allocation and shipment, future vaccine clinic information will be posted on our website and social media every Friday afternoon anticipated between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer, stated "We sincerely understand our community's sense of frustration and eagerness to get a vaccine. With the current allocations to our county being so low, we simply do not have any more vaccine to give. We are working tirelessly to obtain vaccine, as well as planning partnerships to ensure greater access. When vaccine starts to come in larger allocations, we are ready and able to distribute rapidly. Thank you for your patience."

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Further information will be shared when updates are available on the health department website at www.scchealth.co and follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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