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St. Clair County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Update *New Vaccine Clinic for 65+ on Friday *New Pre-Registration System Available Soon

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) will be hosting a new COVID-19 vaccination clinic **for 65 years of age and older only**, Friday, 1/29/21 thanks to an unexpected, one-time redistribution of vaccine from McLaren Port Huron.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer stated, *"We are very grateful for this one-time allocation of vaccine from McLaren Port Huron. These doses will be used to vaccinate more seniors 65+; and additional essential workers in the current (Phase 1A – 1B groups). This allows us to vaccinate more residents sooner, allowing for broader community protection."*

McLaren Port Huron President & CEO Eric Cecava explained; *"McLaren Port Huron is committed to a healthier community and partnering with the St. Clair County Health Department to provide COVID-19 vaccinations is an important step in achieving that goal. Although current vaccine shortages limit our ability to supply ongoing vaccine, we're pleased to be able to support the health department's efforts to vaccinate the community we serve."*

The **65+ clinic** will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center, from 9:00am – 7:00pm, **by appointment only. No walk-ins accepted. Please do not show up at the clinic without an appointment.** Approximately **900** appointments will be available. **This will be the last week using our current appointment scheduling system.** **Scheduling is now open and will only be available until appointments are full.** Visit www.scchealth.co to schedule. Due to extremely high call volume, please seek help from 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 seniors without additional help.

The Health Department is also currently preparing to launch **a new pre-registration system**. It is anticipated to go live the week of 2/1 – 2/5. This new process will allow individuals to "pre-register" and when appointments are available for future vaccine clinics, it can notify the person via email, text and/or phone call. A Vaccine Hotline will also be available for users without computer access. More information will be announced when it is live.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer, stated *"Please bear with us one more week with our current scheduling process. We have been working diligently with county officials to get something in place. We are hopeful this new system will meet the community's needs. Once live, the new link will remain on our website. This also will replace our current Friday process of posting a scheduling link. Thank you again for your patience, we are almost there!"*

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. For state vaccine data visit <https://bit.ly/39q4XwS>.

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