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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **DHD2 CONTINUING TO VACCINATE PHASE 1A; PREPARING FOR PHASE 1B**

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) is actively vaccinating individuals in Phase 1A of the priority group which includes EMS, Medical First Responders, and Medical Care Facilities. We have used our first allotment of vaccine and as we receive more shipments, DHD2 plans to finish as many of the 1A group as possible.

Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated their vaccine priority guidance and has authorized local health departments to begin vaccinating the following groups starting Monday, Jan 11:

- People age 65 years or older
- Frontline, essential workers with frequent or ongoing exposure as a part of their work. This includes some, but not all essential workers previously designated in 1B. First responders, police officers, jail and prison staff, pre-K-12 teachers and childcare providers are included.

In Northeast Michigan, this represents thousands of newly eligible individuals. Vaccine availability still depends on both vaccine supply and staffing capacity. Please be patient. We cannot vaccinate everyone eligible immediately.

DHD2 is working on planning for Phase 1B vaccination clinics. Again, while vaccine supplies are limited, vaccine clinics are by appointment only. They are not walk-in vaccination clinics. We will notify the public via press release, social media, our website on how to schedule for the vaccine at [www.dhd2.org/vaccine-information](http://www.dhd2.org/vaccine-information). We ask for your patience as we prepare for Phase 1B.

We thank you for your patience as we develop our plan through all of the complexities of changing guidance and limited vaccine allocations.

Michigan residents seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine can visit [Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine). Locally, go to where you may find answers to your questions. For COVID-related questions, email us at [health@dhd2.org](mailto:health@dhd2.org) or call our COVID Hotline at 989-343-1827.