

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **GREAT NEWS! Dose Allocation Increases in Saginaw County**

(SAGINAW) – The Saginaw County Health Department was informed today that county vaccine providers (NOT including pharmacies) will be receiving 11,190 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine next week. These are a mixture of Pfizer and Moderna and are for both first and second doses.

"It is very encouraging to see additional doses coming to our area," notes Chris Harrington, MPH, health officer. "We have seen a slight increase in our normal weekly allotment of late, but this is really great news that has us all planning more clinics to get these doses into arms."

Vaccine providers receiving doses include the health department, Covenant HealthCare, Ascension St. Mary's, and Great Lakes Bay Health Centers. In addition, the Michigan National Guard is receiving 3,000 doses from the state to conduct a "regional" clinic tentatively planned for next week – 1,000 of which will go to Saginaw County residents from the health department's registration list of adults 65+.

Next week, the Saginaw County Health Department will be finishing up the rest of adults 80+ and will begin moving to adults 65-79. The following clinics are already planned:

Tuesday, Mar 2 – drive-thru clinic at Sears Automotive for remaining adults 80+ Wednesday, Mar 3 – drive-thru clinic at Sears Automotive for adults 65+ Thursday, Mar 4 – drive-thru clinic at The Dow for second doses adults 80+ Friday, Mar 5 – drive-thru clinic at Jonesfield/Lakefield Township fire station in Merrill for adults 65+ Monday, Mar 8 – drive-thru at Chesaning fire station for adults 65+ Wednesday, March 10 – drive-thru at Sears Automotive for adults 65+ Friday, Mar 12 – on-site at homeless shelters for workers

The health department is also sharing doses with Covenant HealthCare for vaccination of licensed daycare facilities county wide.

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