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Allegan County Continues COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

(Allegan, MI)— Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) continues to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for eligible individuals. Currently, eligible individuals are those that are 65 and over, health care workers, first responders, police officers, jail and prison staff, pre-K through 12 teachers and workers in childcare centers and protective services.

All individuals living or working in Allegan County and interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should sign up through the "I Want the COVID-19 Vaccine" form on www.allegancounty.org/covid. Once they are signed up, individuals will receive an email from ACHD when they can schedule an appointment. Starting next week, ACHD is launching an online self-scheduling system to improve the appointment making process. Individuals who are signed up to receive a vaccine and are eligible to schedule an appointment will receive an email with instructions. A phone number to call will also be included for individuals in need of assistance.

ACHD plans to administer at least 780 vaccines for the week of January 18. ACHD continues to work on partnerships with other organizations to expand access points for the vaccine in the near future. If you are eligible to get the COVID-19 Vaccine and still in need of an appointment, please be sure to check out some partner organizations—Meijer Pharmacy and Spectrum Health Zeeland.

Signing up for a vaccination means that a dose of the vaccine, a time-slot in the schedule, and the staffing to deliver that vaccine are all saved for you. Making vaccine appointments for multiple sites does direct harm to others by delaying their access to the vaccine. ACHD asks that you consider the health of your community when making a vaccination appointment. The fewer resources lost through double booking, the faster everyone in the community can have access to the vaccine.

Individuals in need of assistance can call the ACHD COVID-19 Hotline at 269-686-4546 to provide their information. ACHD is following prioritization set by the State of Michigan.

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