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## **COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FOR POCAHONTAS COUNTY**

**2/24/2021**

Prime (1<sup>st</sup>) doses administered: 711 (900 received plus another 100 allocated 2/23)  
65 & older (422), Pocahontas Area/Catholic/AEA (97), Laurens-Marathon School (27), Kid's Korner Daycare in Laurens (2), Pocahontas Community Hospital, Unity Point clinics in Pocahontas and Laurens, other healthcare workers, local EMS, fire, police and sheriff's department (163)

Boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses administered: 143 (600 received plus another 100 allocated last week – shipping delays)

### **Upcoming vaccination schedule:**

February 25 – 10 boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses scheduled at our office (Phase 1A)

February 26<sup>th</sup> – 200 prime (1<sup>st</sup>) doses for 65 & older by appointment only at the Expo Center

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Laurens-Marathon boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses in the afternoon and we have the Expo Center reserved in anticipation of more vaccine being allocated to vaccinate in the morning.

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 200 boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses at the Expo Center from February 8<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Pocahontas Area/Catholic/AEA boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses in the afternoon and we have the Assembly Room reserved in anticipation of more vaccine being allocated to vaccinate in the morning.

March 19<sup>th</sup> – 200 boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses in the Assembly Room from February 19th

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 200 boost (2<sup>nd</sup>) doses in the Assembly Room from February 26<sup>th</sup>

Our office has a waiting list of almost 1000 for anyone that is 65 & older and can call our office to sign-up. If anyone else feels that they qualify for a vaccine, they can call our office with any questions. Again, according to IDPH individuals outlined in ACIP and State of Iowa priority groups may receive the COVID-19 vaccine regardless of permanent place of residence (county or state).

For the remaining priority populations in Phase 1B that IDPH has identified, we will continue to work directly with those groups to arrange vaccinations as soon as the vaccine is available. We are required to follow the guidance set forth from Iowa Department of Public Health, the ACIP and the CDC for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Pocahontas County. Once we are aware of the amount of vaccines allocated to our county, we continue to schedule appointments and schedule vaccination clinics. We are working as fast as we can and it's going to take time because the vaccine itself is in very short supply.

Please remember that our state is in a current vaccine shortage and we do not know WHEN the next doses will arrive and HOW MANY will arrive. When the vaccine is allotted to PCHD, we will continue to provide accurate and updated information via local media, like newspapers and radio, our Pocahontas County website, or you can follow "Public Health of Pocahontas, Iowa" on Facebook.

**Anne Thompson, Administrator**