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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FOR POCAHONTAS COUNTY
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SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Beginning at 8am on Monday, March 15, we will be taking names for a waiting list for individuals 64 years of age and younger with medical conditions that are or may be an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. When vaccine is available, we will schedule clinics that will be by appointment only from that waiting list.

Prime (1st) doses administered: 911 (1000 received plus another 100 allocated 3/2)
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 (2nd) doses administered: 153 (700 received)

Upcoming vaccination schedule:

March 5th – 100 prime (1st) doses for 65 & older by appointment only at the Expo Center from 10am to noon and Laurens-Marathon 40 boost (2nd) doses in the afternoon

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

March 12th – 100 prime (1st) doses for 65 & older by appointment only at the Assembly Room of the Courthouse in the morning and Pocahontas Area/Catholic/AEA 100 boost (2nd) doses in the afternoon

March 19th – 100 prime (1st) doses for 65 & older by appointment only in the morning and 200 boost (2nd) doses in the Assembly Room from February 19th in the afternoon

March 26th – 100 prime (1st) doses for 65 & older by appointment only in the morning and 200 boost (2nd) doses at the Expo Center from February 26th in the afternoon

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