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WAYNE COUNTY DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., February 22, 2021- Wayne County is responsible for administrating vaccines to the public. Supplemental vaccine doses were distributed to the County, they then set up free vaccine clinics per region in seven communities within Wayne County: Highland Park & Hamtramck, Melvindale, Romulus, City of Wayne, Canton-Plymouth. These Clinics are ONLY open to their residents. Van Buren Township leadership is continuing pressure on Wayne County to get distribution for Van Buren Township residents.

Representatives from Wayne County stated the criteria for communities receiving the vaccine distribution was based upon statistics for the most impacted communities and the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) which ranks a community's vulnerability based on 15 social factors, including poverty, lack of vehicle access, crowded housing, and groups them into four related themes. The Wayne County Representatives were unable to report to Van Buren Twp leadership when we could expect similar distribution, or where Van Buren Twp stood based on the SVI criteria. For more information on the SVI criteria visit:

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html>

Leadership in Van Buren Twp will continue working with Wayne County to get vaccine distribution to our community as quickly as possible. "Making sure our community gets our fair share of vaccines is our top priority right now. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure our most vulnerable residents and essential workers have access to the vaccine. In the meantime, we have been advising our seniors to be proactive with getting registered with the different healthcare systems offering the vaccine and their primary care providers.", stated Supervisor McNamara.

However, until Wayne County can distribute vaccines to our community, Seniors 65 and up and/or any eligible person in the 1a and 1b Phase of the Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination implementation schedule should continue to contact their hospital groups or other vaccine distribution centers such as Meijer. To view the States implementation scheduled visit:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_COVID-19_Vaccination_Prioritization_Guidance_710349_7.pdf

To schedule a vaccine appointment contact:

- Beaumont Health- <https://www.beaumont.org/coronavirus/vaccine-program>
- Detroit Medical Center- <https://www.dmc.org/portal>
- Henry Ford Health System- <https://www.henryford.com/coronavirus/vaccine-faqs>
- Meijer- <https://clinic.meijer.com/>
- St. John's - Ascension Health- <https://healthcare.ascension.org/covid-19/covid-vaccine>
- St. Joseph Mercy- Livonia - Trinity Health- <https://www.stjoeshealth.org/health-and-wellness/covid-19/>
- Garden City Hospital- <https://www.gch.org/.../covid-19.../covid-19-vaccine/>

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