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### **St. Clair County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update Requesting Patience as Planning is Ongoing for Priority Populations**

The St. Clair County Health Department is currently working on completing vaccinating individuals in Phase 1A. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced yesterday those in [Phase 1B and Phase 1C Group A](#) are eligible to receive the vaccine starting January 11<sup>th</sup>. However, at this time, the Health Department does not have sufficient vaccine supply for all individuals in these groups.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer, stated “We estimate approximately 50,000-60,000 residents will be eligible for vaccination following the State’s [updated guidance](#). We have to prioritize groups due to limited vaccine availability. We ask for the public’s patience as we work to ensure equitable distribution of these scarce resources. As vaccine supply increases, we will expand vaccination opportunities to meet our community’s needs.”

Current St. Clair County prioritization plan;

- Continue vaccinating those in Phase 1A
- Individuals ages 65+ **should schedule an appointment via the Health Department website [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co)**. Please note appointments are **first come, first served**. No walk-ins. As vaccine supply increases, additional clinics will be scheduled. Check the website regularly for updated information.
- Additionally, the Health Department is working to schedule select frontline essential workers for upcoming vaccination clinics. **Eligible employees will receive a link to scheduling their appointment directly from their employer.**

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Further information will be shared when updates are available. Visit the health department website at [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co) and follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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