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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution for Phase 1B Continues in Holmes County**

(Millersburg, Ohio) - Beginning the week of January 25, the Holmes County General Health District will begin offering COVID-19 vaccines to those in the second group of Phase 1B under Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. This group will include those individuals **75 years and older** and those individuals who are 18 years of age or older with a developmental or intellectual disability AND one of the following conditions:

- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida
- Severe congenital heart disease requiring hospitalization within the last year
- Severe Type 1 diabetes requiring hospitalization within the past year
- Inherited metabolic disorders, including phenylketonuria
- Severe neurological disorders, including epilepsy, hydrocephaly, and microcephaly
- Severe genetic disorders, including Down-syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome and muscular dystrophy
- Severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year and cystic fibrosis
- Sickle cell anemia, alpha and beta thalassemia
- Solid organ donors

Under Phase 1B, vaccines will be made available to the above groups who choose to be vaccinated as supply allows. The health department continues to receive a limited number of vaccines and availability cannot be guaranteed. Some individuals may be briefly placed on a wait list until additional supplies are confirmed.

Appointments can be made by calling the health department at 330-674-5035 starting on Friday, January 22, 2021. Location and information what to bring will be provided during scheduling. We ask that all individuals and caregivers wear a mask when attending their appointments.

Pomerene Hospital will also be providing vaccines for the above groups as supply allows. Please call (330) 674-1584 ext. 1066 to schedule an appointment.

Additional information about those 65 to 74 years of age and younger will be provided through weekly updates through local media, our Facebook page and by visiting our website at [www.holmeshealth.org](http://www.holmeshealth.org).

For weekly updates on COVID-19 vaccines via email, residents can also subscribe to our e-newsletter by sending their name and email address to [newsletter@holmeshealth.org](mailto:newsletter@holmeshealth.org).

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