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Holmes County General Health District to Vaccinate Hospital & Frontline Health Workers with First Round of Vaccines

MILLERSBURG, OH – The Holmes County General Health District (HCGHD)has received the first allocation of 100 doses of the recently approved Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for the county. The first round of 100 vaccines will begin being administered this afternoon to frontline healthcare workers from the local hospital, EMS first responders and public health employees expected to be directly involved with providing community vaccination in the coming months.

As part of Phase 1A of Ohio's Vaccination Plan, local health departments have been asked to prioritize the first rounds of vaccines for those healthcare workers with the greatest occupational risk to exposure to COVID-19. Additional rounds of vaccines are expected to begin arriving over the next few weeks and will continue to be administered to those prioritized under Phase 1A including:

- Home health and hospice workers

- Primary care physicians and offices

- Dental providers

- High risk ancillary healthcare /hospital support staff

Phase 1A will also include the vaccination of congregate care staff and residents, such as those in long-term care facilities and facilities providing care for persons with developmental disabilities and those living in group homes/residential care for mental health and substance abuse services. Long-term care facilities in Holmes County will all be administering vaccinations through contracts with federal long-term pharmacy programs. The health department will be working with other facilities to administer vaccines as they become available through a waitlist system. For more information about getting on the waitlist, eligible providers should contact Jennifer Talkington, Deputy Health Commissioner at jtalkington@holmeshealth.org

Additional information about Ohio's Vaccination Plan and vaccines can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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