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WAYNE COUNTY SENIORS WILL RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT AREA HOSPITAL SYSTEMS
Seniors Should Contact Hospitals Regarding Vaccination Scheduling

WAYNE COUNTY, Mich. – Wayne County residents aged 65 and older are now able to receive the COVID-19 vaccines at area health systems as more of the vaccine becomes available, county officials said today.

Seniors should contact their health providers to schedule a time to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. No walk-up or unscheduled vaccinations will be accepted.

“We know many people are frustrated about the slow distribution of vaccine from the state of Michigan,” said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. “Despite these challenges, vaccinations are the most effective way to end this pandemic and I encourage all Wayne County residents to get vaccinated. It is safe and effective. We are working with our local hospitals to ensure we can effectively and efficiently prioritize our seniors for vaccinations.”

Seniors are encouraged to check with their family doctor to identify their health system, or ask a trusted friend or family member to help them. Area health systems have asked residents to contact them online or through a patient portal rather than calling over the telephone.

“We are directing our seniors to contact their hospital or health system to request a vaccine time,” Wayne County Chief Health Strategist Dr. Mouhanad Hammami said. “Hospitals will vaccinate seniors. Seniors should contact hospitals directly.”

Dr. Hammami said demand for the vaccine is outpacing the state of Michigan’s ability to supply it to regional health departments. Hospitals and health systems currently have the most reliable supply of vaccine available.

Beginning today seniors, teachers, and other essential frontline workers will start registering for COVID-19 shots under Phase 1B of the state of Michigan’s vaccine distribution plan. Vaccinations will be scheduled based on vaccine availability from the state. While seniors should contact area hospitals and health systems about scheduling a time for their shots, teachers and frontline workers should first contact their employers for further instructions, Dr. Hammami said.

For more information about vaccine distribution please visit www.waynecounty.com/covid19 or <https://www.michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine>.

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