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**COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION FOR PHASE 1B POPULATIONS
TO BEGIN IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Steubenville, OH – In conjunction with the State of Ohio’s efforts to distribute Covid-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B starting the week of January 19, the Jefferson County General Health District, Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency, Trinity Health System and Kroger are preparing to lead the vaccination efforts.

Jefferson County anticipates receiving 900 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine the week of January 19th. Distribution locations are being established and the actual dates for vaccination administration will be announced once delivery and total doses are confirmed. Persons included in Phase 1B will be contacted to schedule their vaccinations including time and location.

Per Ohio guidelines, vaccine distribution in Phase 1B will be as follows:

- Week of January 19: Ohioans 80 years of age and older
- Week of January 25: Ohioans 75 years of age and older; those with severe congenital or developmental disorders
- Week of February 1: Ohioans 70 years of age and older; employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models
- Week of February 8: Ohioans 65 years of age and older

Residents choosing to receive the vaccine from the Jefferson County General Health District 1B will be contacted to schedule their vaccination, including time and location. Residents who have not yet signed up to be vaccinated can do so at www.jchealth.com or by calling the health department at 740-283-8530. Friends and family members are encouraged to assist those who may not have the ability to register for themselves. Persons to be vaccinated must present a valid photo ID. All persons will be scheduled for vaccination to limit wait times. There will be a 15-minute waiting period after vaccination to monitor for adverse reactions.

Trinity Health System will be setting up vaccine clinics utilizing their PrimeTime Senior Center for the first round of 1B vaccinations. While plans are not completely finalized, Trinity Health System expects to have information available on their website and social media by Monday, January 18th. Vaccines will be given by appointment only. Those interested must pre-register and receive an appointment day and time to receive the vaccine. There will be no out of pocket expense to those receiving the vaccine, however, insurance will be billed. Please watch trinityhealth.com for updates.

The Kroger Office of Corporate Affairs has provided the following information: “We encourage our customers to visit kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or to call our COVID-19 vaccine helpline at 866-211-5320 for the latest information on vaccine availability in their area. With vaccines arriving next week, our helpline will be active starting Saturday, January 16th and next week we will only be providing vaccines to the current phase/included populations, seniors 80+. All COVID-19 vaccines will require an appointment via kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or 866-211-5320 once vaccines are available.”

When a new age group begins, vaccinations may not be complete for the previous age group, so there will be overlap among the different age groups over the coming weeks. If you do not meet the criteria for vaccination under Phase 1B, you will be vaccinated under an additional phase of distribution that has not yet been announced by the State of Ohio. As more information becomes available from the State of Ohio regarding vaccine distribution, the Jefferson County Health Department and Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency will continue to update the citizens of Jefferson County through our local media outlets and website.