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Health Directors New Year's Message

Good news, the Health Department has received 975 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and 200 doses of the Moderna COVID-1 vaccine.

Currently, the Health Department is vaccinating groups that are in the 1a category as outlined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). Staff directly involved in providing 1a vaccinations, staff working directly with COVID-19 patients, EMTs', local medical providers including: dentists and mortuary personnel, are scheduled first.

The Health Department is coordinating with FirstHealth and neighboring county health departments in assuring the vaccination of local EMTs , medical providers, dentists, and mortuary personnel regardless of their county of residence.

We have already compiled lists of County EMTs, health care providers who are not affiliated with the hospital or health system and who meet the criteria for Phase 1a. These lists are continually amended as people that opted out of our initial invitation decide to receive the vaccine.

The organizations on the lists are and will be contacted directly and scheduled to receive their vaccinations as a group or individually. The people on the lists are entered into the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Management System (CVMS) to assure that they receive their appropriate second dose at the proper time.

As of today January 1, 2021, the Health Department has vaccinated all available EMTs affiliated with Moore County Government that desired to be vaccinated.

This included Max Muse, RN, ME. Max also serves as the volunteer Nurse representative on the Board of Health.

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Currently all 1a vaccinations will be scheduled with the medical practices, individuals, or funeral homes, and given at the Health Department in Carthage. These Vaccinations will continue this coming Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you are an EMT or medical provider that works in Moore County, regardless of your county of residence, and have not been contacted by the Health Department, please e-mail our Department at: hdinfo@moorecountync.gov with your contact information.

After the Department finishes vaccinating those who are classified within the 1a group we will, in coordination with our community partners both public and private, vaccinate the 1b group which will include residents that are 75 and older as well as residents with one or more underlying health conditions.

If you are a resident included in phase 1b you will be given information on how, when, and where you may receive the vaccination in the near future. This vaccination campaign will continue until all residents that desire the vaccine have been vaccinated.

If you have any COVID related questions, please consult our Department's Website at: <https://www.moorecountync.gov/health>. There you will find "**Quick Links**" with: [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#), and [COVID-19 Vaccine Phased Prioritization](#). You will also be able to view all of the Department's press releases in chronological order.

Under "**Contact Us**" you will find the email address: hdinfo@moorecountync.gov where you may send us a question or information. You may also ask a question through the in-box message on our Facebook link at the bottom of the website page.

Now that we are entering the final phase of this battle with COVID-19, please do not be one of the last to fall victim to this disease. Protect yourself, and your loved ones by following the 3Ws—**W**ear a mask when out of your home and around others, **W**ait 6 feet or more away from others, and **W**ash your hands often.

Thank you, and I wish you a very Happy New Year! Stay safe,

Robert

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