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FORD COUNTY VACCINE UPDATE

Ford County-As of Monday, January 4, Ford County has received three rounds of the vaccine. The Ford County Public Health Department has received 100 vaccines from Pfizer and 200 vaccines from Moderna. To date, all 300 doses have been transferred to Gibson Area Hospital to administer to employees who qualify for the vaccine. Gibson Area Hospital will continue to receive the vaccine until all Phase 1A individuals have received both doses of the vaccine. The FCPHD has been working closely with Ford County healthcare systems, first responding agencies, long-term care facilities, and other medical providers to ensure efficient and safe distribution of the vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered in Ford County in accordance with the phases defined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) and as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). FCPHD is partnering with Gibson Area Hospital to administer the vaccine to all Priority group 1A individuals. This partnership will ensure a safe, consistent, and timely distribution of the COVID vaccines. The initial phase of 1A, includes healthcare workers with direct patient contact.

It is unknown how long the Ford County will remain in Phase 1A as it depends on the quantity and frequency of vaccine deliveries, as well as the number of eligible individuals who choose to be vaccinated when it is available to them. Each county receives a different number of vaccines and may be at different phases in the vaccination plan, so we ask the public to please be patient.

As Ford County moves to Phase 1B, information will be given as to who is eligible to receive the vaccine and directions on how to register for the vaccine once eligible. Details on how to register will be coming soon. Please continue to monitor FCPHD's social media pages, website, and local radio stations.

FCPHD will continue to work diligently to meet the needs of county residents and provide updates when information is available.