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FORD COUNTY VACCINE UPDATE

Ford County-As of Tuesday, January 19, Ford County has received four rounds of the vaccine. To date, all 400 doses have been transferred to Gibson Area Hospital to administer to employees who qualify for the vaccine. Ford County did not receive any vaccine shipments this week. Gibson Area Hospital will continue to receive the vaccine until all Phase 1A individuals have received both doses of the vaccine. It is unknown how long 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. 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.

As we move closer to completing Phase 1A, the following individuals are eligible to receive vaccination in Phase 1B:

- Law Enforcement
- Other first-responders
- Childcare providers
- Teachers/Education staff
- Correction and inmates
- Postal Service workers
- Veterinarians
- Manufacturing entities
- Food production
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers
- 65 and older **after critical workforce

Ford County Public Health Department is asking residents 65 and older to register for the vaccine, as they are the next population eligible in phase 1B. To assist with the incoming phone calls, Ford County residents may go to our website to register. Under the *Contact Us* tab, you will find an email submission box. Please enter your name, contact information (including email, home phone number, and cell phone number), and date of birth.

Please continue to monitor FCPHD's social media pages, website, and local radio stations. FCPHD's website provides information on the vaccine safety and efficacy along with vaccine updates specific to Ford County, i.e. a compilation of all press releases specific to vaccine updates, the current phase Ford County is in, in accordance to the vaccination plan, and vaccine registration details. FCPHD will continue to work diligently to meet the needs of county residents and provide updates when information is available.