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Advisory #2

With the encouraging news on vaccine developments this week, I thought I might share information from the State of Montana's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. The information comes from the **DRAFT** plan dated 10.16.2020. My understanding is that a revised draft will be ready in the next couple of weeks updating the plan. I'll share more as this plan develops. Below is the proposed Phased Approach schedule in the current draft.

Phased Approach to COVID-19 Vaccination – *(Timelines based on final FDA approval and sufficient supply to fill each targeted population)*

Phase 1: Targeted Critical Workforce; Limited Supply First Two Months

Goal: Maximize the limited supply of allocated vaccine to ensure essential response personnel and people at the highest risk of life-threatening infection receive at least the first dose within the first two months of initial distribution.

Phase 2: Expanded Dispensing; Adequate Supply Three to Approximately Six Months

Goal: Ensure access to COVID-19 vaccine for critical population members who were not vaccinated in Phase 1, provide second dosing for Phase 1 recipients, and expand availability to other prioritized groups.

Phase 3: Expand and Normalize Distribution for Public Dispensing; Sufficient Supply Six Months and Beyond

There are a number of caveats including the supply of vaccine nationally and how much will be allocated to Montana, and how the State will allocate to local health jurisdictions based on preparedness to receive, store and dispense the vaccine.

We should begin to learn more about this process and timeline with updated revisions to the plan. It might be worth discussion among this group and local health officials how we can offer resources to aid in any of the logistics and deliverables required leading up to Phase 1.

From the Gallatin County Daily Planning call today –

- Matt reported that ***Bozeman health has put out a request to DES for emergency staffing as they have exhausted all their staffing resources.***
- The Bozeman hospital has changed their policy to bring quarantined staff back to work in 7 days instead of 14 days in response to the staffing needs.
- Matt is also working with law enforcement on at least one bar in town that isn't adhering to the new closing hours.