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Vaccination Updates Gallatin and Park County

GALLATIN COUNTY

Gallatin County is expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all those in Phase 1B: all people 70 and over, people 16-69 with certain underlying health conditions, and people of color. People who were previously prioritized to receive a vaccine continue to be eligible as we move forward. Vaccine supply continues to be extremely limited and we again ask for the community's patience as we work to distribute vaccines safely, efficiently, and transparently in Gallatin County. Bozeman Health and Montana State University are conducting points of dispensing (PODs) next week. They are reaching out directly to arrange appointments for eligible patients and students. There are no open sign-ups at this time. Gallatin County will be hosting its next POD on Feb. 9, pending the receipt of a vaccine allocation. We will be announcing how and when the public can sign-up for open appointments through our website and this system, so stay tuned for more information soon! Please visit healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines for more information.

PARK COUNTY

To date, Livingston HealthCare has administered more than 800 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 500 people in Park County! Along the way, we have learned much about our process. We have listened to the concerns of our community and developed a new system to provide the vaccine to those in Phase 1B. On our website, you will find a sign-up form for Phase 1B only. By submitting the form, you are requesting to be placed on a waiting list to receive the COVID vaccine.

The vaccine supply in Park County is significantly lower than our current Phase 1B population, and it will take time to get everyone who wishes to be vaccinated the opportunity to do so. In order to manage this waiting list, we have placed a cap of 2,000 sign-ups on it. This does not mean we will stop vaccinating Phase 1B after 2,000 people have received the vaccine, only that this is how many

people will be on the waiting list. Once we have worked our way through the vaccination of the 2,000 people on this waiting list, we will assess the need for creating another waiting list. (There are approximately 6,000 people in Park County that meet the eligibility for Phase 1B.) We understand that this may be frustrating; however, we believe this approach We believe this approach will enable us to move forward, be flexible, and make changes as supplies become more widely available. For example, if Livingston HealthCare receives 100 vaccine doses each week, it will take 20 weeks to vaccinate all 2,000 people on the list. We have no control over when we receive vaccine, nor the amount of vaccine we receive each week, and doses received may fluctuate week to week. Please be patient and kind as we work through this ever-evolving situation. We are doing our very best to provide vaccines to the community in a fair and efficient manner.

The waiting list sign-up can be found here: <https://www.livingstonhealthcare.org/Patients-Visitors/Coronavirus-COVID-19-/COVID-19-Vaccine.aspx>.

The Park County Health department is still focusing on those 80 years of age and older. Yesterday they administered 140 doses to residents between the ages of 80-100. Each individual was personally called by the health department to sign up their appointments held in the Shane Center. There are still several hundred in this category still on the list and they are getting calls with more names each day. They ask that if you know someone 80 or over in Park County to please call the Health Department to let them know. When they are done with this group, they will move to 70+. Community Health Partners is joining the health department in getting high risk patients first.