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**Summit County Public Health Administers COVID-19 Vaccine to Phase 1A Priority Groups**

[Akron, OH] – Summit County, has received 3,100 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and has started vaccinating Group 1A on December 26, 2020. The first shipments of the vaccine are designated for those who have been identified most at risk and prioritized in Phase 1A of the Ohio Department of Health Vaccination Program. The Ohio Department of Health determines the vaccine prioritization across the State.

“We are very excited to be able to start vaccinating our most at risk individuals against COVID-19,” says Donna Skoda, Health Commissioner at Summit County Public Health. We are receiving many calls from residents and other priority groups in Summit County. We have established a vaccine registry for those who would like to be vaccinated at <https://www.scph.org/covid/receive-information-regarding-covid-19-vaccine>. “There will only be a limited supply in the early stages of distribution until production catches up with the demand. We are committed to the equitable distribution of a safe and effective vaccine. This registry will help us reach those who would like to be vaccinated. There is no guarantee at this time that every group listed in Phase 1A of the Ohio Vaccination Program will be able to receive the vaccine from Summit County Public Health. We will distribute the vaccine as it becomes available and at this time we do not have a good picture of how many doses will be sent or when those shipments will arrive,” says Donna Skoda.

As we wait to begin to vaccinate priority individuals we ask that you continue to engage in safe and effective behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you're sick, even with mild symptoms
- Be mindful in your interactions with others. Limit your chances of exposure by maintaining social distancing of at least six feet from non-household members
- Wear a mask in public
- Consider necessary travel only
- Follow good hygiene standards:
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes





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Additional guidance and information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can be found on the Ohio Department of Health website at:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program>

If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

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