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VACCINE DISTRIBUTION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is announcing some important information regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Currently, vaccines are being distributed through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) directly to individual providers such as hospitals, pharmacies, physicians' offices and clinics. At this time, MCPHD is not involved in mass distribution of the vaccine to the public. The Public Health Clinic has received only 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine, and it has been allocated to First Responders, Public Health staff, healthcare workers and employees. There is a plan for MCPHD to vaccinate some of the general public when additional vaccines are available to us. When those doses are available, a link to make an appointment online will be posted here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/>. Appointment scheduling will not be available by phone.

DSHS has provided a link here: <https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=91ac7fb5e5fd47e7ada4acfe4a05920a>, that shows where the vaccine is available to priority groups. As of today, DSHS has determined phases 1A and 1B are eligible for the vaccine, but this may vary depending on the number of vaccines administered and at the discretion of each individual provider. The best course of action for the general public at this time is to keep up with the state's timeline for availability here: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>. Once you have determined that you are eligible for a vaccine and found a provider on the link above, contact the preferred provider to confirm the vaccine's availability and make an appointment if necessary.

Texas receives shipments of the vaccine weekly, so we are expecting the supply to grow more and more in the coming months. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

The COVID-19 Call Center is available to take questions regarding COVID-19 general questions, testing and vaccines at 936-523-3916. It is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

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