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COVID-19 Vaccine PHASE 1B: 80 Years of Age and Older

DEFIANCE, OHIO- In conjunction with Ohio’s statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B starting the week of January 19, the Defiance County General Health District, Defiance County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), hospitals, physicians, and local pharmacies are partnering to vaccinate Phase 1B. The combined knowledge and decades of training will allow these agencies to continue to serve our local community as we work to vaccinate Ohioans in our community.

Phase 1B of Ohio’s Vaccination Program will be focused on reaching critical groups: Ohioans age 65 and older, those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders, and adults who work in schools (K-12).

Keep in mind: VACCINE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED AT THIS TIME.

- Scheduling can begin for those individuals **80 years of age and older** who are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>How to Make an Appointment</u>
Kroger-Defiance	Visit: www.kroger.com/health (Click “Prescriptions & Pharmacy Services”)
Mercy Health-Defiance	Call: 1-866-624-0366
ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital	Call: 567-585-0670

- Other Specific Starting Dates:
 - Starting January 25th: 75 years of age and older AND those with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders
 - Starting February 1st: 70 years of age and older AND school personnel
 - Starting February 8th: 65 years of age and older

****All available vaccines will be administered to those who **choose** to receive it.*

When a new age range opens, that does not mean that vaccinations for the previous age range are complete. It will take a number of weeks to distribute all of the vaccine given the limited doses available.

Defiance County residents are encouraged to visit www.defiancecohealth.org. This page will have updated vaccination information as it is received. In addition, a statewide vaccine provider search is available beginning January 14 at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine, Defiance County.

Stay Informed:

- DCGHD website: <http://defiancecohealth.org/coronavirus/>
- Ohio Department of Health website: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>
- Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program:
 - Go to: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov> and click “COVID-19 Vaccination Program”