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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS OPEN TO GROUP 1A ONLY

(January 4, 2021, Salisbury, MD) In following the State of Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, the Wicomico County Health Department continues to schedule vaccinations for only those listed in Group 1A such as health care workers, first responders, and residents/staff of long-term care facilities. The State of Maryland's COVID-19 vaccination plan outlines how the vaccine will be distributed throughout the state in four phases. Initially, vaccine supply will be limited and this phased plan helps prioritize vaccinations for groups in order of relative risk.

- **Phase 1A:** Health care workers, first responders, and residents/staff of long-term care facilities
- **Phase 1B:** People at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness
- **Phase 2:** People in critical/essential infrastructure roles and those at a moderately higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- **Phase 3:** General population

At this time, **the Wicomico County Health Department is only vaccinating those people listed under Group 1A.** The Health Department is in the process of contacting those in phase 1A. Please bring the following to the vaccination center:

- Proof of employment as a licensed/registered health care worker (if staff member of a healthcare provider's office, must provide proof of employment on company letterhead)
- Proof of licensure from a Maryland health care board (ex. Nursing license, CNA license, dental license, etc.)

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov . Information about the vaccine distribution in Maryland and priority phases can be found at www.covidlink.maryland.gov . Want to stay updated on local COVID-19 news? Connect with the health department at www.wicomicohealth.org or through our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram (WicomicoHealth) or Twitter (@WicomicoHealth).