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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Sibley County Public Health and Human Services receives their first shipment of COVID-19 Vaccine**

On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, Sibley County Public Health and Human Services received 200 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Minnesota is following federal recommendations to start with the people who are most likely to get COVID-19 and those most at risk of serious complications. Minnesota will be distributing the vaccine through a phased approach. The goal for the first, limited doses of COVID-19 Vaccine is to protect those who are exposed to COVID-19 every day because of what they do, who they care for, or where they live.

Sibley County Public Health is currently in Phase 1a of Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) vaccination plan which includes Health Care Personnel (HCP) and Long-Term Care Residents. In collaboration with MDH, we are following guidance for allocating and prioritizing COVID-19 Vaccine within Phase 1a which is broken into First, Second, and Third Priority. Sibley County Public Health is working diligently to vaccinate the groups identified to us which includes: Emergency Medical Service Personnel (EMS), COVID community vaccinators, school nurses, assisted living facilities, home health settings, dental offices, pharmacies, mental/behavioral health settings, correctional settings, and group homes.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Sibley County Public Health administered 5% of first Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine doses to personnel identified in Phase 1a. Sibley County Public Health continues to coordinate efforts to administer our first 200 doses of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Currently, we have 100 doses scheduled to be administered the week of January 11, 2021.

Sibley County Public Health and Human Services wants the community of Sibley County to know that we will be reaching out to priority groups as they are identified by MDH as more of the COVID-19 Vaccine becomes available. At this time, there is no need to contact your Local Public Health department about access to the COVID-19 Vaccine; information will be shared as it becomes available to us. MDH's phased approach will take some time and we ask that you please be patient as we navigate through the COVID-19 Vaccine phases and planning.

For more information on MDH's COVID-19 Vaccine Phases and Planning, please visit:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/plan.html>

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