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**COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION FOR PHASE 1B POPULATIONS TO BEGIN IN FULTON COUNTY**

**Wauseon, OH** – In conjunction with Ohio’s statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B starting the week of January 19, Fulton County Health Department, Fulton County Health Center and Swanton Kroger Pharmacy will begin vaccinating individuals 80 and older. The combined knowledge and decades of training will allow our agencies to continue to serve our local community as we work to vaccinate Ohioans in our community.

The Fulton County Health Department and Fulton County Health Center are working together to provide community vaccination at a central location. To access vaccination through the Fulton County Health Department and Fulton County Health Center, residents who are 80 years old and above are encouraged to call the Health Department, 419-337-0915, or the Senior Center, 419-337-9299, and provide contact information. The first COVID-19 vaccine clinic is scheduled for Thursday January 21, 2021.

Individuals who call and provide contact information will receive a phone call with the day, time and location of their appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccine continues to be scarce and it will take several weeks to vaccinate the 1B group. Those residents younger than 80, we ask for your continued patience through next week.

Residents are encouraged to visit <http://fultoncountyhealthdept.com/home/covid-19-vaccine-info>. This page will provide up to date vaccination information for Fulton County such as; locations, dates, times and forms to be completed for those waiting for particular audiences to become eligible. In addition, a statewide vaccine provider search is available beginning today at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine), Fulton County.

Kroger customers seeking vaccination from Kroger Pharmacy are encouraged to visit [kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine](https://kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine) or to call the Kroger COVID-19 vaccine helpline at 866-211-5320 for the latest information on vaccine availability in their area. With vaccines arriving next week, the Kroger helpline will be active starting Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and next week Kroger will only be providing

vaccines to the current phase/included populations, seniors 80+. All COVID-19 vaccines will require an appointment via [kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine](https://www.kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine) or 866-211-5320 once vaccines are available.

“The continued community-wide collaboration and cooperation by the responding agencies in Fulton County will enable the effective and efficient distribution of vaccine,” stated Fulton County Emergency Management Agency Director, Becky Goble.

The COVID-19 vaccine is one layer of protection, please continue to practice other key layers:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20seconds
- Stay 6ft away from others
- Wear a mask over your nose AND mouth
- Avoid crowds and large gatherings
- Open doors and windows when you can
- Stay home if you are sick or just not feeling well

Using multiple layers reduces the risk of COVID-19 spread in our community.

For the most current information, visit our website [www.fultoncountyhealthdept.com](https://www.fultoncountyhealthdept.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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