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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **MERCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. ANNOUNCES SIGN-UP FOR ALL 1B AND 1B+**

(March 9, 2021 Aledo, IL) The Mercer County Health Department announced today that all Mercer County residents who are eligible in Phase 1b and Phase 1b+ may begin calling on **Thursday, March 11 at 8 a.m.** and placed on a list for the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Phone registration for the list will begin on Thursday, March 11 at 8 a.m.
- When calling to be placed on the list, do not leave a message. Please try again until you speak to a staff member.
- You will need to provide your legal name, address, phone number and date of birth and how you are eligible under 1b or 1b+
- You will be able to only register 2 individuals at the time of the call.
- Once vaccine has been received at the Health Department, our staff will call you to schedule your vaccine appointment.
- The following are the lines that a call will come from: 582-3759, 582-3761, 582-3762, 574-3264, 574-3265 or 574-3266. Please answer a call coming from one of these lines as it will be a scheduler from the Health Department.
- We will not leave a message if you do not answer. We will continue down the list until all slots are filled for the weekly clinic. We will begin at the top of the list each week until we fill slots for that week's vaccine amount received.
- Please continue to follow us on Facebook, mchdil.com or listen to WRMJ each Wednesday for updates at 9:20 a.m.

Phase 1b include:

- Persons aged 65 years and older.
- **Frontline essential workers**, who do not work remotely, are defined as those workers who are essential for the functioning of society and include the following:
  - **First Responders:** Firefighters (including volunteers), Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs), 911 Dispatch (Public Safety Answering Point – PSAP), Security Personnel, School Officers. EMS personnel are previously included under Phase 1A.
  - **Corrections Officers/Inmates:** Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, Workers Providing In-Person Support and Inmates.

- **Food and Agriculture Workers:** Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services and Animal Care.
- **United States Postal Service Workers**
- **Manufacturing Workers:** Industrial production of goods for distribution to retail, wholesale, or other manufacturers.
- **Grocery Store Workers:** Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up and Customer Service.
- **Public Transit Workers:** Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Para-Transit Drivers, In-Person Support and Ride Sharing Services.
- **Education Workers (Congregate Child Care, Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** Teachers, Principals, Student Support, Student Aids, Day Care Workers and Frontline Support Staff.
- **Shelters/Adult Day Care:** Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-In Program, Sheltered Workshop and Psycho-Social Rehab.

Phase 1b+ include:

- Persons aged 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions including obesity, diabetes, pulmonary diseases, smoking, heart conditions, chronic kidney disease, cancer, solid organ transplant, sickle cell disease, pregnancy and persons with disability.

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