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UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

WASHBURN, WISCONSIN—Bayfield County Health Department is working with federal, state and local partners to coordinate delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to our community.

We are nearly complete with delivery of COVID-19 vaccine to Tier 1a individuals. We are actively preparing and planning for mass clinics in preparation for when the State of Wisconsin begins to ship allotments of vaccine for Tier 1b individuals, which should begin within the next week.

Due to the sheer size of this vaccine initiative, we expect clinics, pharmacies and hospitals will also be involved in vaccine distribution, in addition to local Public Health. The State of Wisconsin Department of Health has also announced they are working to create mobile vaccination clinics.

As the State of Wisconsin prepares to ship allotments of vaccine for Tier 1b individuals, we are also preparing our scheduling and staffing for these upcoming clinics. Individuals over the age of 65 can fill out our COVID-19 pre-registration form to get added to the list that our staff will use for making appointments. The State Department of Health may add other populations of individuals to the Tier 1b group in the upcoming days.

This form is located at: <https://www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/FormCenter/Health-8/Online-Form-to-Register-for-COVID19-Vacc-143>. Due to high call volume, please pre-register online if you are able to do so. For those without internet access, you may call our COVID-19 information line at 715-373-3324. We will need to know your name, age and phone number.

This will be a multiple week process. As we are notified of how much vaccine the state is shipping us weekly, we will call to schedule that many individuals from the Tier 1b group for appointments. Residents do not need to call after pre-registering. The Health Department will call residents to schedule their appointment date and time. We expect to be vaccinating people in the Tier 1b group for a couple months.

For local updates about COVID-19 and other public health news, follow the Bayfield County Health Department at www.bayfieldcounty.org/COVID. For updates on COVID-19 in Wisconsin, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm.

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