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## Health department waiting for more COVID-19 vaccine

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- The two approved vaccines for COVID-19, Moderna and Pfizer, continue to arrive slowly in Michigan. The main problem is that the manufacturers have not been able to produce vaccine quickly enough.

Last week the health department did begin vaccinating essential workers in group 1B. However, no new shipments of vaccine were received in our District—Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties. As a reminder, 8,900 doses came into the District, of which 1,600 came to the health department. By the end of this week the health department will have administered all but 400 of its doses, and the remaining doses are all assigned to someone for clinics next week. When more vaccine is available new clinics will be found on our website [here](#).

People in our jurisdiction have a number of options for getting vaccinated:

- Patients of Spectrum Hospital providers can schedule a vaccination through their Spectrum MyChart [here](#). Please understand there is very little vaccine, and most people will have to wait for a vaccination.
- MidMichigan hospital has begun calling their own patients to schedule vaccinations. MidMichigan patients can get information [here](#). Until more vaccine is available only a small number of people should expect to be called.
- Sparrow hospital finished vaccinating their health care providers and did vaccinate a small number of school personnel (1B). Sparrow is now out of vaccine and will resume when more comes in.

Please do not call the health department or hospitals requesting vaccine. There is no new vaccine at this time and phone lines are overloaded. Please sign up for our newsletter to ensure you hear about new clinics. Sign up [here](#).

The health department has placed a sizeable order of vaccine. Hospitals also expect to receive vaccine. We will not know until next week if we will receive any. If we get vaccine, we will be partnering with a pharmacy to do new clinics in our jurisdiction immediately.

We want to thank all our community partners at our three community collaboratives and emergency operations centers for helping us plan these upcoming clinics.

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*We take action to protect, maintain and improve the health of our community.*

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