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Flagler County solidifying preparations as COVID-19 vaccines become available

December 14, 2020 – With the announcement that the first round of COVID-19 vaccines have arrived in Florida, Flagler County is solidifying plans to assist with the distribution once they become available to the public in the coming months.

“The first few rounds of vaccines will go to healthcare workers in high-risk and high-contact environments, and to residents living in long-term care facilities,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “After these priorities are addressed, vaccines will go to other high-risk individuals in a phased manner including, but not limited to, first responders, some essential workers, the elderly, and those with certain underlying health conditions.”

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Monday announced that the State of Florida has received about 180,000 doses, and that the first vaccinations have been administered. Florida has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine the distribution priority.

“As vaccines become more readily available throughout the winter and into the spring, Flagler County will partner with our local health department – the Florida Department of Health-Flagler – our municipal partners, as well as our amazing volunteers to setup public vaccination sites,” Lord said. “This will be accomplished in a similar manner to what is being done for COVID-19 testing.”

The anticipated eventuality is COVID-19 vaccines will be available through doctors’ offices, health clinics, and pharmacies similarly to flu shots and other widely requested vaccinations.

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