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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Highlights and COVID-19 Vaccine Roll in the Health District for People Age 65 and Older**

(Eastern Idaho) – The BOH at Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) convened a special meeting on January 25, to discuss the confusion surrounding Governor Little’s recent Order of allowing increased participants (40% capacity) at high school activities and how that conflicts with EIPH’s Public Health Orders of restricting gatherings to occupancy at 28 sq. feet per person. In situations where there are conflicting Orders, the Order that is the MOST restrictive takes priority and, in this case, that would be EIPH’s Order. Governor Little also still has restrictions in place for the number of people (10 or less) allowed to gather for all other activities. This Order is MORE restrictive than EIPH’s 28 sq. feet per person Order so the Governor’s Order would take priority in that situation.

Since much confusion is created by these conflicting Orders, the BOH thought it was prudent to amend our existing Public Health Orders and not include information on event gathering size. Those revised Orders can be found by clicking the COVID-19 Information and News Box on our website at [www.EIPH.Idaho.gov](http://www.EIPH.Idaho.gov). These amendments do not affect the wearing of face coverings in public when not able to maintain physical distance (at least 6 ft between people).

Vaccine administration is continuing to progress in our health district. We are in the process of completing Priority Group 2.1, which is frontline essential workers including first responders, school staff and teachers, childcare providers, and correctional and detention facility staff. Beginning in early February, we are planning to open Priority Group 2.2, which is adults age 65 and older. We are in the process of finalizing the details of this roll out and more information will be forthcoming in the next several days.

All vaccinations in the region and state are contingent on vaccine availability, which is still extremely limited (approximately 2100 doses per week for our eight-county area). We know many people are excited about their upcoming opportunity to be vaccinated and we need people to understand there is not enough vaccine to provide vaccinations immediately to everyone who desires it. We ask for people’s continual understanding and patience as we work to provide this vaccine to as many people each week as possible.

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