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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Board of Health Meeting Highlights and COVID-19 Vaccine Update**

(Eastern Idaho) – The EIPH Board of Health (BOH) met this morning, January 14, and determined that Fremont and Lemhi Counties had met the metric to return to the Minimal (green) Risk Level. The metric was met by having its active case rate below the threshold of 15/10,000 population for the most recent 14-day period. Although the Public Health Order for face coverings was rescinded, this does not alleviate the need to make the choices necessary to slow the spread of the virus in our communities as the virus is still circulating and posing a risk for illness, hospitalization, and death. These choices include staying home when sick, washing your hands frequently, maintaining space (at least 6 feet) between people, and when not able to distance, wearing a mask correctly and consistently.

Vaccine administration is continuing to successfully roll out in our health district. We are in the process of completing Priority Group 1, which is healthcare providers and residents of long-term care facilities not affiliated with the Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care program. If you are a healthcare provider and have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated, please go to our website for information on how to schedule an appointment. Proof of employment is required before receiving the vaccine.

Governor Little announced earlier this week [the next priority group \(2.1\)](#) for vaccination, which is frontline essential workers and adults 65 years of age and older. Frontline essential workers are categorized, in no hierarchal order, as follows:

- First Responders
- Education: pre-k to 12 school staff and teachers and daycare [childcare] workers
- Correctional and Detention Facility Staff

Frontline essential worker vaccinations commenced on January 12 and are being coordinated through employers as well as individual vaccination appointments at our offices. Vaccination for older adults are set to start in early February.

All vaccinations are contingent on vaccine availability. We anticipate continuing to receive shipments of vaccine weekly. Part of the shipments will be kept for public health district vaccine clinics and the rest will be distributed to healthcare providers and pharmacies who have enrolled to administer the vaccine.

We understand people are anxious and excited about the vaccine and do not want to miss out on their opportunity to be vaccinated. Therefore, we have set up a system on our

website where individuals can provide their information (via email) to receive a notification when their priority group is starting and what opportunities for vaccination there are in the region. This information can be found on our website ([www.EIPH.Idaho.gov](http://www.EIPH.Idaho.gov)) under the COVID-19 vaccine link on our main page. This process will also alleviate the tremendous call volume we have been experiencing.

**More information on the COVID-19 vaccine:**

[State of Idaho COVID-19 vaccine information](#) – including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section

[Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

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