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### WEEKLY VACCINE UPDATE

(SAGINAW) – Vaccination progress in Saginaw County is moving along nicely, with 66,357 doses administered as of this morning. With two large clinics happening today and tomorrow at Horizons and SVSU, we estimate to be close to 70,000 doses administered by the end of the week. Other highlights include:

- Nearly 70% of adults 65+ in Saginaw County have been vaccinated – a goal the state is hoping to reach population wide to ensure herd immunity from COVID-19.
- Beginning Monday, all adults 50+ will be eligible to receive the vaccine. The health department encourages residents to register on the health department’s website at [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org) or directly on [www.mySaginawHealth.org](http://www.mySaginawHealth.org) and on any other county registration sites available to capture an appointment.
- There are still openings for this Saturday, March 20, for clinics at four east side churches for City of Saginaw residents 50+ living in the top 10 most socially vulnerable census tracts. These clinics, running by appointment only from 9am to 1 p.m., are a collaboration between the Saginaw County Health Department and 10 other community partners. Those interested in scheduling an appointment should call one of the churches listed in the flyer on the health department’s website at [saginawpublichealth.org](http://saginawpublichealth.org).
- On March 25, the Saginaw County Health Department is hosting a mass drive-thru clinic in Frankenmuth at the Harvey Kern Pavilion using Johnson & Johnson doses. Another Johnson & Johnson clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at Sears Automotive. Both of these clinics are being scheduled, by appointment, from the health department’s registration list. **DO NOT CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.** Johnson & Johnson doses will also be administered to homebound individuals by health department nurses beginning soon.
- In total, Saginaw County vaccinators have received 97,905 doses of vaccine. “We are in pretty good shape with doses right now,” says Christina Harrington, MPH, health officer. “This is allowing us to allocate more to critical infrastructure businesses and to some of our partners.”

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