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### **Saginaw County Health Department Launches First Large-Scale “Neighborhood” Clinic This Week**

(SAGINAW) -- As an integral part of the Saginaw County Health Department’s vaccine roll-out plan, it will be launching the first of several “neighborhood-based” mass vaccination clinics this week on Thursday, Feb 11, 9am-4pm at The Dow in downtown Saginaw.

The event is a drive-thru clinic for Saginaw County adults 80 years of age and older. Since logistics require closure of Washington/M13 near the Dow to enable drivers to enter the west side of the building and drive onto the arena floor, **this clinic will be “by appointment only”** to manage traffic flow. Members of the Michigan National Guard will check cars upon arrival to ensure people have an appointment for the event. Once on the arena floor, cars will drive to one of 24 vaccination stations manned by health department nurses and staff, CMU Medical School students and faculty, and Michigan National Guard medics and soldiers.

Those scheduled for the clinic will hear from the health department this week for their appointment time. **DO NOT COME TO THE EVENT WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.**

Those who have registered and do NOT get a call for this event should NOT be alarmed or concerned. No one who wants a vaccine will be left behind. Large clinics like this will allow the health department to get through this group more quickly and fairly and will occur more often now as doses allow.

Other Saginaw County Health Department neighborhood-based clinic locations will be offered throughout the county in an effort to bring the vaccine closer to those receiving it. All are planned as indoor drive-thru events for the safety and convenience of the senior population.

With this inaugural clinic on February 11, the health department plans to vaccinate more than 1,000 people. This will make another significant dent in the 5,000+ people registered with the health department who are over the age of 80.

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