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Buchanan County Continues to Plan for COVID-19 Vaccine Coming Later This Year

As we get closer to receiving a COVID-19 Vaccine in our county, the Buchanan County Health Department reminds all residents the initial doses of vaccine will be limited and will be available to priority populations prioritized according to guidance received from our state and federal partners.

"The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has preemptively suggested the initial doses of vaccine go to health care providers and those in long term care facilities," said Tai Burkhart, Director of Buchanan County Health Department. "As more vaccine becomes available, we will be able to offer the vaccine to more people."

Buchanan County has been working with many of the health care providers in our county these last several months so they can offer the vaccine to their patients. As vaccine becomes more widely available you can find locations in Buchanan County offering vaccine, at our website at www.buchanancounty.iowa.gov, our Facebook page (Buchanan County Public Health, Iowa), or check vaccinefinder.org.

Everyone should continue taking protective measures to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you're sick
- Wash your hands often
- Stay six feet away from others at all times
- Wear a mask when you can't properly social distance from others
- Recognize that older people and those with chronic health conditions like diabetes, obesity, heart issues, and organ transplants have a much higher risk of serious complications from COVID-19

More information is available at: IDPH Coronavirus page at https://idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus; and the state COVID-19 dashboard at https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/.

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