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Phase 2 of Vaccine Eligibility to Commence Friday, April 2

General public 16 years of age and older to be eligible for vaccines

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(March 29, 2021) – San Miguel County, CO --- Governor Jared Polis announced this morning that, as a result of supply increases and successful distribution, the state will commence Phase 2 of COVID-19 vaccine eligibility this Friday, April 2. This phase expands eligibility to the general public including residents 16 years of age and older for Pfizer and residents 18 years of age and older for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.

San Miguel County is not currently receiving Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine, the only vaccine approved for 16- and 17-year-olds. If your child is eligible and interested, please use vaccinefinder.org to search for a regional pharmacy that can provide this vaccine.

“Patience is key,” said Governor Jared Polis. “It’s going to take some time to get the vaccine to all Coloradans who want to be vaccinated. We estimate that all Coloradans will be able to access the vaccine by the end of May.”

Residents in all previous phases will remain eligible for the vaccine throughout the coming months.

According to Governor Polis, this eligibility phase should take about six to eight weeks to complete. San Miguel County Public Health is in support of this move and has begun scheduling residents eligible for Phase 2. In order to receive a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, interested people must complete the vaccine interest form: bit.ly/smcvaccine. Public Health will reach out to registered residents as soon as supply allows.

For any questions, the CDPHE vaccine hotline can be reached 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at 1-877-COVAX-CO or 1-877-268-2926. San Miguel County Public Health is also available via email at publichealth@sanmiguelcountyco.gov or on social media @smcpublichealth.

The state has vaccinated 79% of the population 70 years of age and older, 71% of those 65 to 69 and 53% of those 60 to 64. Nearly 1.6 million Coloradans have received their first dose to date; 999,618 Coloradans have been fully vaccinated. These high vaccination rates of our most vulnerable populations will significantly decrease the number of hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19.

Five Commitments of Containment:

- Wear a mask
- Maintain six feet of physical distance
- Minimize group size
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home when sick and get tested

For coronavirus vaccine information, visit: bit.ly/smcvaccineinfo

For coronavirus testing information, visit: bit.ly/smccovidtesting

For up-to-date coronavirus information, visit: <https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/coronavirus>

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