

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Canton City Public Health

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Canton City Public Health Prepares for Roll Out of COVID-19 Vaccine for Phase 1B**

Canton City Public Health is announcing plans for pre-registration and vaccination of individuals in Phase 1B of Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

Registration for those who are age 80 or over and live in the city limits of Canton will begin Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Individuals in this age group can complete a simple on-line form available on our website at [cantonhealth.org](http://cantonhealth.org) or by calling **330-451-6774** and following the prompts. People who pre-register using either of these methods will be contacted at a later time to schedule an appointment for their vaccine when it becomes available. Please do not call or complete the form more than one time as this may cause delays.

Canton City Public Health will begin vaccinating those with appointments beginning January 19, 2021. Vaccines will be provided by appointment only and at no cost.

“We are very aware of the need to get vaccinations out as quickly as possible and are working hard to make that happen.” states Jim Adams, Health Commissioner for Canton City Public Health. “Vaccine supplies remain very scarce. We must follow the guidelines set by the Ohio Department of Health for vaccine distribution and will do so to the best of our ability.”

Information on our Phase 1B vaccination process can be found on our website at [Cantonhealth.org](http://Cantonhealth.org), our social media and through press releases. Updates will be made as new information becomes available.

“Scheduling will be subject to the availability of vaccine.” continued Adams. “We ask for you to be patient as this process unfolds. There may be some bumps in the road but we are confident our plans will enable us to effectively and efficiently serve our community. Please continue to follow the prevention steps that have been recommended since the beginning of this pandemic: wash your hands, wear a face covering and maintain physical distance of 6 feet. Working together, we will continue to make progress in defeating COVID-19.”

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