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WAITLIST REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THOSE 50 YEARS AND OLDER

Victoria City and County officials announced today that people in the 1C vaccination phase can begin registering online for the COVID-19 waitlist this weekend. Texas Phase 1C includes people 50-64 years of age. Vaccination for those in this phase can begin Monday, March 15th per new DSHS guidelines.

Those wanting to register on the waitlist should visit <http://victoriawaitlist.com>. Registrants can type this link directly or access the site from the vaccine information link at <http://vcphd.org>. Those without internet access can call to register via the COVID vaccine hotline at 888-966-5640 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Online and phone registrations will remain open until all waitlist slots are filled. There will be set amount of spots allocated for each method of registration. Future vaccination clinic appointments will be filled from names on the waitlist.

Individual who register on Victoriawaitlist.com will be placed on a “smart waitlist,” which the Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD) will use to select (at random) and contact those who are eligible for an appointment as vaccines become available. Once individuals are selected to receive a vaccine, they will be called or emailed a single-use link with instructions on how to select a time to get vaccinated at the Victoria Community Center. Individuals contacted for a vaccine have **48 hours** to complete the clinic appointment registration before the opportunity is offered to someone else. If the selected person doesn’t complete registration, they will be put back on the waitlist. This process will help prevent VCPHD from experiencing delays in getting out the vaccine each week. The “smart waitlist” system does not use a first-come, first-served process for allocating vaccine appointments. Phone and online registrants have equal chance of being selected. Individuals in Phases 1A, 1B and educators and childcare workers will be prioritized for vaccination over those in Phase 1C.

To date, the Victoria mass vaccination hub has performed approximately 14,500 first dose vaccinations and 4,500 2nd doses. Over 4,500 people have now been fully vaccinated through the Victoria hub.

Victoria City/County officials, including the mayor pro-tem and judge, emergency response officials and area hospitals, continue to work together to meet the needs of the community, inform the community about state vaccine allocations and provide logistical support to Victoria’s area health care facilities.

The following organizations have worked to organize the vaccination clinic:

- Victoria County Public Health Department
- Victoria City/County Office of Emergency Management
- City of Victoria

- Victoria County
- Citizens Medical Center
- DeTar Healthcare System
- Post Acute Medical

Phase 1A includes health care workers, emergency service providers and others with an increased risk of coming into contact with the coronavirus, while Phase 1B includes those at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and people aged 65 and older. School staff, childcare personnel and those 50 to 64 years old are the most recent to become eligible. Detailed information about vaccine eligibility can be found on the DSHS website at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

For more information, visit www.vcphd.org, follow the Victoria County Public Health Department on Facebook, follow our other participating partners' social media pages, or visit www.victoriatxoem.org.

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