



DATE: January 8, 2021
TO: Priests, Directors of Parish Life, Deacons, Diocesan Staff
FROM: Karina Bak, Director of Human Resources
RE: **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Information**

On January 6, 2021, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced the beginning of Phase 1B for individuals eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Those eligible in Phase 1B include: Individuals 65 years and older who do not live in a congregate care setting and continued eligibility for frontline workers (**school and childcare staff**; frontline responders at the county, state and federal levels; and staff in jails, prisons and shelters). **Clergy have also been elevated to this Phase and are now eligible to receive the vaccine.**

If you are Phase eligible (Phase 1A and 1B), you may request an [appointment](#) through the Health Department. Currently, Walgreens is delivering vaccines to long-term care facilities and will have vaccines for the public sometime in 2021. CVS and Rite Aid will have vaccines available to the public, but do not at this time. You may also check to see if your own physician is offering the vaccine. While the vaccine is being made available to more individuals, please be aware it may not yet be available in our area.

To pre-register for the vaccine, please call MI-211 at 231-715-5557. You will need to provide the following information when registering:

- Name and address
- Date of birth and age
- Email and phone number (and answer to question: “Are you able to receive text messages?”)
- Answer to question: “Do you need transportation to the vaccination site?”

MI-211 will then send your information to the local health department, who will call to schedule the test.

There is no charge for the vaccine itself, however, some providers may charge a fee for administering the vaccine. Please remember to have your insurance card with you for your appointment to cover that charge if needed.

Information on the vaccine can be found [here](#), on the CDC website.