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Whiteside County Provides Update on Vaccine Allocation and Addresses Rumor

The Whiteside County Health Department is providing an update on vaccine allocations and addressing a rumor that has been spreading in our community.

The rumor is that Whiteside County has turned down COVID-19 vaccine. We want to clarify that this is not true. Whiteside County's weekly COVID-19 vaccine allocation is determined by IDPH and we have always requested the full allotment. Additionally the County and our healthcare partners have made repeated requests for additional vaccine.

Whiteside County, Region 1 and the entire State is experiencing a significant decrease in the supply of COVID-19 vaccine received for administration in the next few weeks. The majority of doses being distributed this week and next week are intended for 2nd doses. This decrease in vaccine may cause delays or cancellation of some vaccination appointments.

Our partners at CGH Medical Center and the Morrison Community Hospital are also impacted by this decrease as they receive their allocations from the Whiteside County Health Department. For the week of 2/15 Whiteside County was allocated 200 first doses to be shared by CGH Medical Centers, Morrison Community Hospital and the Whiteside County Health Department with any other doses reserved to complete 2nd doses.

Unfortunately, with the size of Phase 1b, demand far exceeds allocations to our county. We ask that everyone please be patient. We all want our community to be vaccinated as quickly as possible, and we continue to work with partners to try to find ways to make this happen. Please assist us by continuing to follow local media outlets and social media for updates.

Additional information can be found at whitesidehealth.org under COVID-19 information.

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