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COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC SUCCESSFUL; NEW VACCINATION WAITLIST IMPLEMENTED

Due to the efforts by community leaders and elected officials, the Rockport-Fulton community was able to get 300 vaccines to test the area's ability to successfully host a COVID-19 vaccine drive-through event in Aransas County on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

DSHS Public Health Region 11 Medical Director and staff were present to monitor how our event proceeded. A list of individuals meeting Schedule 1A and 1B requirements were received from various non-profit organizations, physician offices and other programs as trial candidates. The process identified a few minor logistical changes that will be made in the future, overall, the event was successful. Event organizers hope to receive a positive response from DSHS to allow them to provide the vaccine on a regular basis within Aransas County.

In the past, community leaders have been given as little as 12 hours' notice of a vaccine. Note that Aransas County Medical Services, Inc., (ACMSI) is not a COVID 19 vaccine provider. ACMSI is compiling a list to assist our community and encourages citizens to continue to find vaccines wherever available.

Community leaders ask that the public remain patient as they work through this process and the state and federal governments make vaccine available. Information will be posted as it is made available through the local government web sites, social media and the newspaper.

Residents are invited to put their name and phone number on a list to be contacted for future vaccination events, please go to <https://forms.gle/kLvft9h1S7nC2759> to sign up. If a resident does not have access to a computer, they should send a letter with their name and contact phone number to: Vaccination, Aransas County, 2840 Hwy 35 N. Rockport, TX 78382. Information will not be taken by phone from any entities.

This list is for priorities 1A and 1B only. This program is separate from the vaccinations being offered by local pharmacies and others. This list does not guarantee anyone the vaccine, it simply lets organizers know you need the vaccine.

As a reminder, Aransas County residents are NOT restricted to receiving the vaccine within the County. For information on vaccination sites within Texas, please visit a site maintained by the Texas Departments of Emergency Management and State Health Services - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>.