FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Clayton County COVID-19 Vaccine Update

On Thursday, 3/4/2021, the Iowa Department of Public Health announced that those individuals under age 65 with certain underlying health conditions would be vaccine eligible beginning Monday, 3/8. Qualifying medical conditions for those under 65 include:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m2 or higher but < 40 kg/m2)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m2)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Full listing and information on qualifying medical conditions can be found at the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html.

Clayton County vaccine providers will continue to prioritize those age 65 and older and those who qualify under Phase 1B tier groups as set forth by the Iowa Department of Public Health. We ask for anyone who is newly eligible due to underlying medical conditions and under age 65 to have patience as we complete these two previously eligible groups. We anticipate increased vaccine doses in the coming weeks and will work with our local partners to make them available as quickly as possible.

As we work through this transition, individuals age 65 or older can continue to call one of the below numbers to place their name on a vaccine list to be contacted as doses are available:

- Guttenberg Hospital and Clinics: Individuals may call (563) 252-5571 and leave a message with their contact information.
- MercyOne Elkader Medical Center: Individuals may call (563) 245-7089 and leave a message with their contact information.
- Regional Family Health-Strawberry Point: Individuals may call (563) 927-7575 or visit regmedctr.org/covidvaccinewaitlist

Individuals age 64 and under with qualifying underlying conditions can visit one of the below pharmacy
sites to place their name on a vaccine wait list to be contacted as doses become available:

- Hartig Drug Guttenberg: www.hartigdrug.com
- Guttenberg Pharmacy: https://www.nightingaledrug.com/
- Clayton Drug: (563) 933-4762 or (563) 245-2530

Again, we appreciate your patience as we work through this transition period. Updates on vaccine availability and county wait list options will be provided as it becomes available.

For additional information on COVID-19 vaccines, please visit the CDC website: