

Macon County **Public Health**

Press Release

Macon County Public Health Gives First COVID-19 Vaccine

It is with immense pleasure that we announce that the first COVID-19 vaccines at Macon County Public Health have been given. Dr. Donald Dewhurst was one of the first to receive the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, December 31st, 2020.

Macon County and North Carolina are currently in Phase 1A of vaccine distribution which includes healthcare personnel directly responding to COVID-19 and long-term care facilities. Any individuals who fall in the Phase 1A can call the Macon County COVID Call Center at 828-349-2517 to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine. Those who are not in Phase 1A are not able to schedule an appointment at this time.

Macon County Public Health would like to assure that the vaccine roll-out process to those who are eligible in each phase will be as transparent as possible. It is our goal to provide the citizens of Macon County with the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and safely as possible.

North Carolina will advance to the next phase of vaccination when NCDHHS determines that all interested persons within the Phase 1a priority group have been vaccinated.

NCDHHS updates its website to reflect the current phase that North Carolina is in. You can view the site at https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/vaccinations. Macon County Public Health will update its social media pages to alert the public when the state and county advance to the next phase of vaccination. At this time, Macon County Public Health and NCDHHS are not scheduling individuals for vaccination in other vaccine phases other than Phase 1A.

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