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Additional COVID Vaccine Allocated to Elbert County

Atlanta – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is allocating 2,100 additional doses of COVID vaccine to Elbert County. This is to ensure that residents of the county will have local access to COVID vaccine following DPH's suspension of The Medical Center of Elberton from the vaccine program.

These additional doses will go to five vaccine providers in the county including the Elbert County Health Department, Elbert Memorial Hospital, Ingles, Madden Pharmacy and MedLink.

Earlier this week, DPH suspended The Medical Center of Elberton, a private provider, from the COVID-19 Vaccination Program in Georgia. DPH took the action after learning the provider had been vaccinating individuals in the Elbert County School District who were outside of the current Phase 1A+ eligible population. The suspension became effective immediately for a term of six months, ending July 27, 2021.

During the suspension, the facility will not receive any new COVID-19 vaccine shipments. The Medical Center of Elberton may use vaccine from their current inventory to administer second doses to patients who have received their first dose through the facility. Vaccine not required for those second doses will be picked up and redistributed for use in Elbert County.

As Georgia's federal allocation of vaccine increases, DPH will be able to expand vaccination eligibility to more Georgians, without limitations. Until that time, vaccine providers must adhere to the current phase of vaccination to ensure that the state's limited vaccine supply is going to those individuals most at risk.

For updates on the COVID-19 situation as it develops, follow @GaDPH, @GeorgiaEMA, and @GovKemp on Twitter and @GaDPH, @GEMA.OHS, and @GovKemp on Facebook.

For information about COVID-19, visit https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus or https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.