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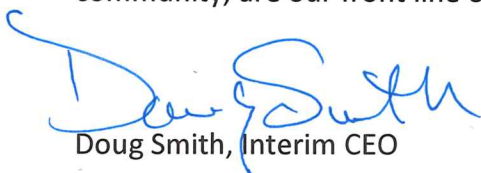
To Our Community:

With news of the vaccine being distributed to some of the larger surrounding communities, we wanted to provide an update to our citizens. We have not been made aware when we will receive the vaccine. The State has developed a logic-model that will determine in what order the vaccine will be given and what communities will be receiving it in what order. We are registered to receive it and are prepared to start administering it as soon as it arrives. We will also be bound by that logic-model to give the vaccine to certain groups in a certain order.

The CDC has released a “playbook” that will be used in helping determine distribution. This information and more can be found by visiting [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Once we receive more information on when we may be receiving the vaccine, we will do our best to keep the community informed.

While we wait for the vaccine, there are many things you can do to protect yourself and those around you. You can make a difference by holding yourself and others accountable and follow precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the Governor’s Executive Order to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth when inside and outdoors if six feet of distance cannot be maintained between yourself and others outside your household. Wearing a mask not only protects the wearer, but also those around you. Cancel or do not attend social indoor gatherings, sporting events, concerts, community events, small gatherings, etc., as well as outdoor events where social distancing cannot be maintained.

We continue to struggle finding ICU beds for our critically ill patients, which is why it is imperative that we all do our part to stay safe and protect those around us. You, our community, are our front line of defense.

  
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