

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2/2/2021**

**RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19 Vaccine Update  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

Hamilton, Mont. – Six hundred doses of Moderna vaccine were distributed to local providers in Ravalli County from the state this week. Three hundred doses were allocated to Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital and 300 doses were allocated to Public Health. Public Health has transferred 100 of those doses to Ravalli Family Medicine to begin the process of vaccinating their Phase 1B patients. The remaining 200 doses will be used to cover previously scheduled appointments at our new Annex location, on the corner of State and 3<sup>rd</sup> street. To date, Public Health has administered 500 doses of vaccine, with residents beginning to return for their 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

The vaccine registry for “Notice of Intent” went live yesterday at about 3pm. As of 2pm today, Public Health has received 1,774 “Notices of Intent” to receive vaccination through Public Health. Residents can register their “Notice of Intent” to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, by visiting the Ravalli County website at <https://ravalli.us/645/Vaccine-NOI-Registration>. Just a reminder, the registry is a resource pool that Public Health will draw from to schedule appointments. It’s not a guarantee of a particular appointment or particular vaccine. Public Health will use the resource pool to contact those registered residents directly for scheduling. We tentatively will begin to schedule appointments the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> of February for the following week based on doses received.

We ask for your continued patience. We will get vaccine to anyone that wants it. In the interim, please continue to observe any public health guidelines or directives - wear your mask, wash your hands and watch your distance. Keep your cohort groups small and stay home if you're sick.

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