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## RAVALLI COUNTY COVID VACCINE UPDATE PUBLIC HEALTH

Hamilton, Mont. Ravalli County Public Health is making strong progress in progressing through Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine program. However, our Team is experiencing continuing challenges in scheduling vaccinations as a result of individuals who have registered multiple times or with multiple vaccine providers. A large amount of time is spent sorting through duplicate registrations and calling individuals for appointments who have already received a vaccine from Public Health or another provider.

Public Health will continue to vaccinate residents currently eligible under phase guidelines as set forth by Montana DPHHS. If you do not currently fall within phase 1B/1B+ guidelines, you may check with other local vaccine providers receiving federal allocations regarding your eligibility to receive a vaccine under those programs. All other individuals included in Phase 1C or Phase 2 are asked to submit a **'Notice of Intent'** online form to Public Health by visiting <https://ravalli.us/>. If you have previously registered with Public Health or another local vaccine provider, please DO NOT re-register. We are asking for our Community's help in this process to keep our vaccination program on track and operating efficiently and effectively.

We encourage our community to observe current public health guidelines related to communicable disease- Wash your hands, Wear your mask and Watch your distance. Keep your cohort groups small and stay home if you are sick.

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