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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: All Media

From: Joel Strasz, Public Health Officer – Bay County Health Department

Date: December 30, 2020

Re: **INACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION ON FACEBOOK**

BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN – There is recent Facebook activity giving instruction to contact the Bay County Department on Aging to register for vaccinations for those 60 and better. This information is not only inaccurate, it was not authorized by the Bay County Health Department, the Bay County Department on Aging or Bay County itself. We ask that you do not call any Bay County department to register for a vaccine at this time.

The Bay County Health Department is currently working diligently to provide vaccinations for people in phase 1A of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution; which is critical healthcare, long-term care staff and residents, and necessary healthcare workers. Healthcare or critical infrastructure workers who live or work in Bay County can complete the [survey](#) to register to receive a vaccine.

We very much appreciate the support and the enthusiasm that local residents have for registration and our efforts to provide the vaccine. We would like everyone to be aware that while supplies remain low; our priority is to make sure that the Tier 1A population is served as soon as possible. In the next few weeks we plan to expand our efforts to the 1B and 1C populations. Our goal is to vaccinate 70% of county residents by July 4th.

For current and accurate information on COVID-19 vaccinations in Bay County, please follow the Bay County Health Department Facebook page and website. Press releases will additionally be prepared when new information is available and actions are needed from the public.

Please do your part and help minimize the spread of COVID-19. For the latest and most accurate information regarding the COVID-19 please go to the Bay County Health Department website at <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health/COVID19/>