CITY OF DILLINGHAM ALASKA

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The State of Alaska, Dillingham Public Health Center and the City of Dillingham are announcing that the first batch of COVID-19 vaccine for distribution in the City of Dillingham arrived at the Dillingham Public Health Center on December 30, 2020.

The supply of vaccine is being administered to healthcare workers such as EMTs, home health care providers, and other front line healthcare workers in the community according to the tier allocation system established by the State of Alaska.

Vaccine supply is very limited at this time. More vaccine is already allocated and as more of it arrives everyone in the community who would like to get vaccinated will be able to. Following the State of Alaska's allocation guidance, go to <u>covidvax.alaska.gov</u> to learn when vaccine will be available for you. There is no direct cost to individuals for these vaccinations through the Dillingham Public Health Center as administration fees are covered by insurance or other government funds.

Please remember that the vaccination of everyone in the community who wishes it will take some time and that in the meantime we will still need to mask up and maintain social distancing for our own protection and the protection of the community. If you are a health care worker, EMS, Fire Service providing medical services who are frequently exposed to COVID-19 patients; Have direct patient contact, are a health aide, a Health care worker providing vaccinations or provide essential services in a health care setting; See this link http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAvailability.aspx#now and call 842-5981 for an appointment.

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