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Press Release

Pandemic Response Update

Lee County Judge's Office
Giddings, Texas

Retired Texas Ranger Assistant Chief Frank Malinak has been appointed by County Judge Paul Fischer to serve as Lee County Coordinator for Pandemic Response. His duties will include liaison with local, state and federal officials to assist in developing immunization procedures for the covid-19 vaccine. Other counties have designated individuals with similar responsibilities. This is a non-paid volunteer position.

The vaccine inventory is provided to counties by the federal government through an assignment by the State of Texas. Currently, the limited availability of vaccine is only allowing inoculation of medical personnel and first responders in phase 1A and high-risk individuals in phase 1B.

In the coming weeks and months, an increase in production by pharmaceutical companies is expected to allow for more significant local distribution. Lee County will coordinate with area pharmacies and health care providers for the vaccination of the general public. Additional information on this plan will be forthcoming and periodic news releases will be made to keep the public informed.

Malinak will consult with area pharmacies and medical professionals and state and federal officials when appropriate and provide recommendations to the County Judge. His leadership role in the Texas Rangers in organizing major events gives him the qualifications to undertake this task.