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Office of the County Judge Giddings, Texas

Media Release

The supply of coronavirus vaccine remains limited in Lee County. Area pharmacies are completing first round allotments and continuing with second round injections. Vaccine that was supposed to be delivered to a health care facility and pharmacy were delayed due to the winter storm. Lee County has been conferring with the Texas Division of Emergency Management about the lack of vaccine availability. On Friday evening, February 26, 2021, TDEM announced that Lee County would be part of a special vaccination initiative utilizing the National Guard. As the vaccination program has progressed, the National Guard has taken a more active role in assisting local government and health care agencies with vaccination clinics and hubs due to the significant resources required.

Working with Lee County Officials, TDEM scheduled a vaccination clinic for Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Giddings Public Library. One hundred doses of the Moderna first round vaccine will be given. The required second doses will also be scheduled at that time.

Public notice of the vaccination clinic began on Saturday and by Monday at noon, five Lee County Call Center volunteers has assigned all one hundred doses to the elderly and high-risk individuals. Local volunteers and officials with Lee County and the City of Giddings will be assisting the special military unit on site at the library on Wednesday.

The Lee County Call Center will remain in operation, disseminating information and assisting citizens with securing vaccinations as long as the need arises. You may contact the call center at 866-212-1502 or email covid19@co.lee.tx.us for updates on availability or for assistance in locating an area vaccination hub. At times, the call volume is heavy resulting in a busy signal or a prompt to leave a message. Weekend and after-hours messages are addressed by call center personnel on Monday.

The County Judge's Office is monitoring vaccine distribution in Central Texas and is lobbying state officials for additional vaccine for the elderly and those at highest risk. Announcements will be made when future vaccination clinics are secured.

As the coronavirus vaccination program continues, additional local resources will be needed. Call center personnel are in communication with state and local officials and area vaccination hubs. Anyone desiring to volunteer at the call center in Giddings or area hubs in Brenham, Bryan or Bastrop is encouraged to contact the Lee County call center.