

Good Afternoon Everyone.

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of December 21, 2020.

COVID – City Hall continues to be open by appointment only and most staff are working remotely to reduce their potential exposure to COVID until at least January 15th in accordance with the MDHHS Emergency Order. If you need assistance or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 269-857-1438.

Allegan County Health Vaccine Allocation – The Allegan County Health Department announced it has received its first phase allocation of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. ACHD clinics will start the first week of January 2021 by appointment only for those in Phase 1A (i.e., healthcare workers). Phase 1A will not be open to the public; however, if you want to be notified when it's time to make your future vaccination appointment, ACHD is asking the public to complete the "I want the COVID-19 Vaccine" form available at www.allegancounty.org/covid.

Attempted Robbery – On the evening of 12-19, Douglas PD received a report of an attempted armed robbery at the Huntington Bank ATM. The suspect fled on foot and likely left the area by car. A minor injury was reported. The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Douglas Police Department at 269-857-4339 or Silent Observer at 269-673-3898.

Drinking Water Asset Management Grant – The City's application for the ELGE grant to investigate and replace lead services lines in compliance with Michigan's lead and copper rules has been submitted. The intent of the program is to protect public health by locating lead / galvanized services lines and updating asset management programs to better address critical drinking water components. Michigan has the strictest drinking water standards in the nation, and it's good to see that funding is available to help communities comply with the requirements. Grants will be scored and awarded on a quarterly basis until funds are exhausted. No grant match is required.

City Council – The Douglas City Council held a 90-minute meeting to discuss a cell phone stipend policy, purchase of a utility vehicle, creation of a condominium at 23 / 25 Center Street, and upgrades to the audio and video equipment at Douglas City Hall. All items passed with the exception of the cell phone policy, which was tabled for more information.

Township Manager Announces Resignation – Griffin Graham, the Saugatuck Township Manager, has announced his resignation for late January 2021. Griffin worked closely with the City of Douglas on community projects such as the Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority, the Blue Star Bike Trail and the Regional Recycling Committee.

Stormwater Standards – The Planning and Zoning Department continues to monitor stormwater issues in light of the increased building throughout the community. Stormwater is an often-overlooked topic that has major impact on neighboring properties if not handled properly. The P&Z Department understands the long-term impact of a well-designed stormwater management plan and is working with builders to address stormwater issues during construction to avoid costly delays later.

DPW Prepared – As employees look forward to enjoying a few days off for the holidays, the Douglas DPW has spent some time this week preparing for on-call work in the event the weather or wind create a situation over the holidays that require public works attention. Preparing ahead of time ensures a quick response to any emergency such as downed trees, snow removal or road salt application.

Message from the City Manager – For my last update of the year, I want to thank all of the wonderful men and women who work for, volunteer their time, and dedicate their lives to the City of the Village of Douglas—the Village of Friendliness. The year 2020 has been a year for the record books in more ways than one, but the women and men who support the day-to-day work of the municipality or volunteer to make a better community have done a wonderful job during some of the toughest times I've seen in my career.

We have experienced some events to celebrate this year. We have seen the business community come together to think of new ways to provide services to the public, we've put into practice some out-of-the-box thinking, we've seen new businesses open, a garden created that celebrates Pride, and a housing boom that indicates that we—the Douglas community—are doing something right because people want to be here with us.

We have also experienced the harsh reality of tough times, challenges we didn't always know how to tackle, such as the washing away of our beautiful beaches, the closing of our businesses, and even the loss of some of our residents from an opportunistic virus. Please take a moment to remember what was lost to 2020.

As we prepare for the coming year, we have high expectations for 2021. Douglas will officially celebrate its 150th Anniversary. We will open the beach once again to the public. We will welcome new businesses and new residents to town. Here's to 2021.

That is all I have for now. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager



Douglas Police Department

Steven Kent
Chief

47 West Center Street
P.O. Box 815
Douglas, MI 49406

OFFICE: (269) 857-4339
FAX: (269) 857-8171
EMERGENCY: 911



PRESS RELEASE

Authority Chief Steve Kent

12/21/2020

At approximately 10:23 P.M. on 12/19/2020 officers received a report of an attempted Armed Robbery at the Huntington Bank ATM in Douglas city. Before arriving to the scene, the suspect or suspects fled on foot.

Upon arriving to the scene officers met with the victim and a passenger witness. Victim and witness described that a male approached on foot while parked at the ATM and attempted to rob the victim at knifepoint. The victim alertly indicated that they had a gun during the robbery and the suspects fled south likely to their awaiting vehicle on Randolph Street. A K9 track was conducted and ended a short distance later. The victim received one minor injury.

Suspect is described as a light skinned black male in his 20's wearing a grey hoodie sweatshirt with the hood up and a dark colored jacket over top with two white stripes down the side.


The Douglas Police Department was assisted by the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police and the Fennville Police Department.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Douglas Police Department at 269-857-4339 or Silent Observer at 269-673-3898.

Allegan County COVID-19 Vaccination Sign-up Form

For Allegan County residents wanting to get the COVID-19 Vaccine, please provide ACHD with your contact information and your vaccine prioritization group. We will notify you when it's time to make your vaccination appointment and how to make it. For more information on the COVID-19 Vaccine, visit www.vaccinatewestmi.com or www.michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.



This is a safe and secure site and provides information to ACHD for planning purposes and notification of vaccination clinics.



COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy
 The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed in a phased approach.
 Phase 1A will receive a vaccine this year. Phases 1B and 1C will be prioritized in early 2021.
 Phase 2 can expect to be eligible by mid-2021.

Phase 1A: Healthcare Workers and Long-term Care Residents

- 1A Priority One: Critical direct patient care medical staff
- 1A Priority Two: Staff and residents at Long-term Care Facilities
- 1A Priority Three: All other direct and indirect patient care workers (e.g. dentists, urgent care, outpatient)

Phase 1B: Other Essential Workers
 This includes: Education Sector, Food & Agriculture, Utilities, Police, Firefighters, Corrections Officers, Transportation

Phase 1C: High-risk Population
 This includes: Adults with high-risk medical conditions
 Adults 65+

Phase 2: Individuals 16-18 years or older (based on manufacturer's recommendations)
 This includes: All individuals who did not otherwise fit into the earlier groups for whom the vaccine is recommended

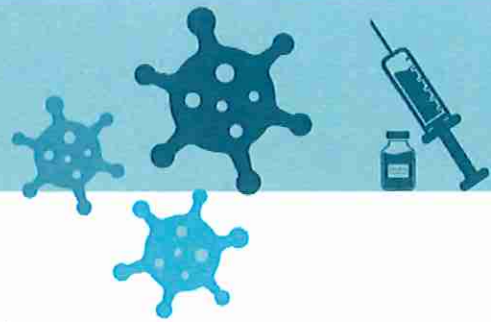
COVID-19 Hotline: (269) 686-4546

For the most up to date information www.vaccinatewestmi.com



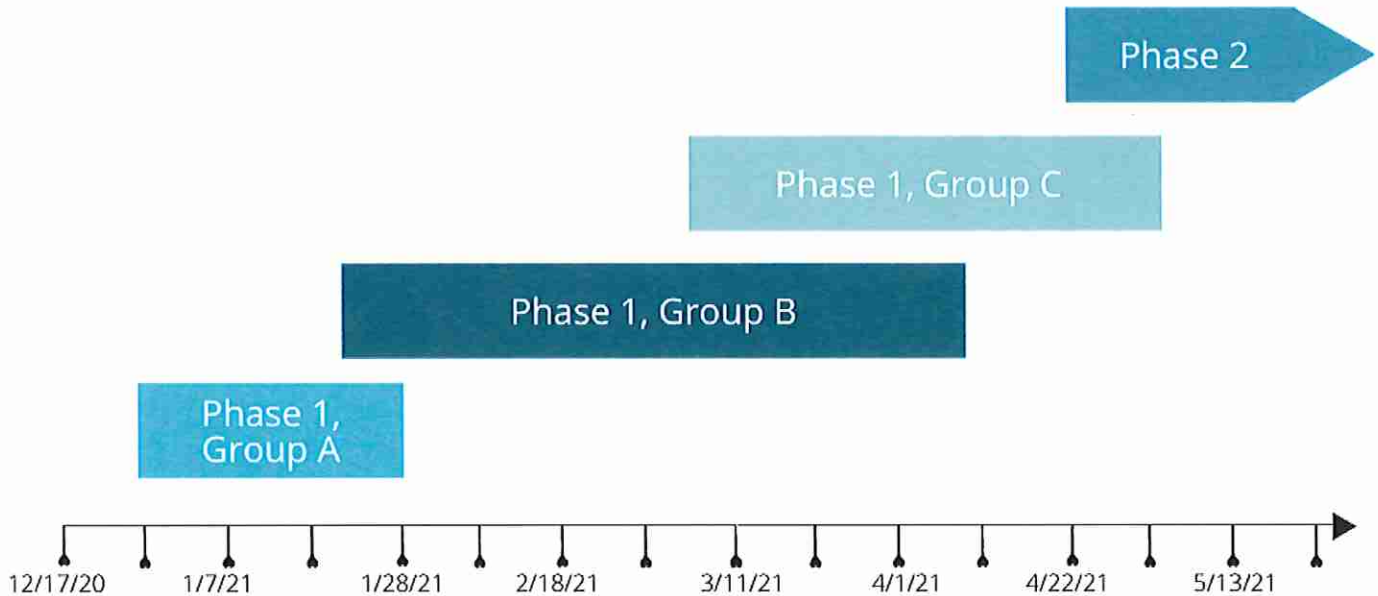
COVID-19 Vaccine

When will it be available to you?



ACHD is working quickly to vaccinate all those who want the COVID-19 Vaccine, following the prioritization guidelines set by ACIP and the state.

We do not have exact dates when the vaccine will be available to each group, but this is our current estimate and is subject to change.



COVID-19 Hotline
(269) 686-4546

For the most up to date information
www.vaccinatewestmi.com



HEALTH
Department

Contact Information

Name (First and Last)

Address

City

Zipcode

Email Address

Phone Number

Based on the Priority Groups defined in the graphics, what group do you fall in? For more detailed information on the Vaccine Prioritization Groups, read the [Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Prioritization Guidance](#)

- Phase 1A
- Phase 1B
- Phase 1C
- Phase 2

What range does your age fall in?

- 16-17
- 18-64
- 65-74
- 75 and older

Which of the following best describes the sector you work in? For definitions of each sector, please visit <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

Chemical
Communications
Commercial Facilities
Critical Manufacturing
Dams
Defense Industrial Base
Emergency Services
Energy
Financial
Food and Agriculture

Please provide your Employer Information. If not applicable, please enter N/A in the fields.

Company Name

Address

City

Phone Number



Powered by Qualtrics [↗](#)

Protected by reCAPTCHA: [Privacy ↗](#) & [Terms ↗](#)