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State Recognizes Cerro Gordo County Vaccination Efforts with Extra Doses

(Mason City) –The week of March 1st, CG Public Health will receive an additional 1,170 doses of COVID-19 vaccine bringing the total number of COVID-19 vaccine to be distributed the week of March 8th to 1,970.

“We would like to thank the state and Governor’s office for the extra doses; we have been asking for more vaccine and our team’s preparation for this is paying off,” says Karen Crimmings, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion manager at CG Public Health.

CG Public Health would again like to recognize the tremendous effort of our volunteers as without them, this mass vaccination site would not be possible.

The 1,170 additional doses come in the form of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. This vaccine has already been widely distributed across Iowa, including through some local pharmacies in Cerro Gordo County. Much like the Moderna vaccine, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is a two-dose series. One difference is the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is to be administered on or after 21 days from the first dose, where the Moderna vaccine uses a 28-day timeline.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to get doses into arms and save lives,” shares Crimmings. Vaccines will be distributed through the mass vaccination site and community partnerships to ensure rapid deployment.

While safe and effective vaccines are the roadmap to a quick and sustainable recovery, until a significant population has been vaccinated it is important to continue the mitigation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Wear as mask whenever you are in public.
- Practice physical distancing.
- Wash your hands often.
- Don’t gather with those that live outside of your household.

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