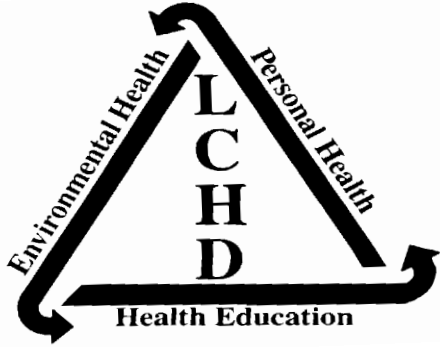


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### **“Clarifications About Phase 1B Vaccine Notification Sign-Up and Scheduling of COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments”**

The LaSalle County Health Department would like to clarify some information, as there has been some confusion on who is receiving an email to get a vaccination appointment. People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.

Currently, vaccinations are also taking place with the education sub-group. This large sub-group is being contacted, scheduled and vaccinated by the local hospitals.

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