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Waco-McLennan County Public Health District collaborates with WISD, ESC Region 12 and Ascension Providence Hospital to Vaccinate School Employees

(March 10, 2021) --- The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is collaborating with the Waco Independent School District, Education Service Center Region 12, and Ascension Providence Hospital to arrange for COVID-19 vaccines to be administered to nearly 4,700 school employees throughout McLennan County. Vaccinations will begin on March 11th.

"The Health District is excited to be able to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to educators across our community. This collaboration will ensure the 2020-2021 school year will end on a high note and that the 2021-2022 school year will start with school staff protected from COVID-19." said LaShonda Malrey-Horne, Director of the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.

Eight school districts and ESC Region 12 staff will participate in the vaccination effort, including the Bosqueville, Connally, China Spring, Crawford, La Vega, Midway, Robinson and Waco Independent School Districts. Ascension Providence will be providing 1,500 Pfizer first doses of vaccine to help meet the demand and the Health District will administer the vaccine at the weekly drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

"Ascension Providence is grateful to be a part of this powerful collaboration, with the privilege of providing 1,500 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for educators and support staff in Waco-McLennan County," said Dr. Richard Haskett, chief medical officer of Ascension Medical Group Waco.

As directed by the Texas Department of State Health Services on March 3rd, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs including teachers, staff, and bus drivers and those who work as or for licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers.

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