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### News Release

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### Immediate Release

#### ***Decline in Demand for COVID vaccine***

Iron River and Kingsford, MI- April 29, 2021- The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department (DIDHD) has noticed a decrease in demand for the COVID vaccine. DIDHD is transitioning away from off-site mass clinics. The Health Department still plans to offer COVID vaccine to those individuals seeking an appointment. Appointments are necessary. To schedule, you may contact DIDHD during normal business hours at 906-774-1868 (Dickinson County) or 906-265-9913 (Iron County). Appointments for Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine are available. The vaccine is available to anyone over the age of 16 (Pfizer) or age 18 (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson).

We are noticing a definite trend of a younger population being affected by COVID now compared to when the pandemic began. Our senior population has the highest vaccine coverage and we have noticed a major decrease in the number of seniors with COVID infection. “Only 10% of our April cases reported to us were over the age of 65. Our highest reported age ranges in April are: 15-19 (18%), 40-44 (12%), and 20-24 (8%).”

We still have plenty of vaccine to offer and provide to the community. Vaccines are an important tool that will allow our community to transition to a safe, new normal. High vaccine coverage will get us closer to herd immunity and will only be beneficial for workplaces, schools, churches, and community services and events. Being fully vaccinated will allow freedom from quarantine requirements, this would help preserve the workforce and school activities.

To protect our community, we all must continue working together to make an effort to get vaccinated and adhere to social distancing, mask-use, hand hygiene, avoiding large social gatherings, and other mitigation strategies. For more information on the COVID, please visit [didhd.org](http://didhd.org), [michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus), or [michigan.gov/COVID](http://michigan.gov/COVID) Vaccine.

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