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Ingham ISD Partners with Local Agencies to Ensure Educators Can Get Vaccinated

LANSING, MI – Early on in the pandemic, Governor Whitmer declared educators as essential workers. As group 1B began to take form, this group of essential workers rose to the top of the list at the Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD). ICHHD, Ingham ISD, CareATC and SETSEG came together to structure a plan for educators to begin to receive the vaccine. This plan prioritized vaccines for school employees who are currently providing face-to-face instruction and those who are making plans to return to face-to-face in the future, at a later date.

“We are grateful to partner with these agencies that truly see the important role educators play in the lives of our children, families and the local community,” states Jason Mellema, Ingham ISD Superintendent. “Educators were so excited to register for their vaccine, that the system became a little overwhelmed. As of now, all Ingham ISD staff who want the vaccine have had their first dose. We are extremely grateful to all of our partners for establishing a process for 12 local districts, 9 public school academies and many non-public/parochial schools in our service area,” added Mellema.

Of the more than 5,000 education employees surveyed in the Ingham ISD service area, over 70% were ready to get the vaccine as soon as possible. CareATC, SETSEG and the ICHHD set up and facilitated the vaccination process for educators entering through the MSU Pavilion. Ingham ISD worked with local districts to register based on their current instructional model. Some districts are still waiting to register for the vaccine as they are not currently teaching face-to-face.

“We were all quite impressed by the thorough and systematic process by which each vaccine was given.” states Mellema. “The vaccine gives us one more reason to feel safer as we return to face-to-face instruction and focus on the successes of students and families.”



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