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## **COVID-19 Update on Planning for Arrival of Vaccine**

The Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center plans to roll out vaccine administration to front-line VA health care workers and Veterans residing in our community living center once the vaccine arrives. Health care workers will be among the first because they are at high risk for contracting and spreading COVID-19 to other staff members and patients. Their health is critical to ensuring the continued care of Veterans. As vaccine supplies increase, additional Veterans will receive vaccinations based on factors such as age, existing health problems and other considerations which increase the risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19.

VA anticipates a limited vaccine supply immediately after FDA's approval, but expects more supplies to be available in short order. Only individuals enrolled in healthcare at the facility will be eligible for the vaccine.

There is no waitlist for Veterans and no need to call clinics to be put on a waitlist. As we learn more information, it will be communicated to Veterans. To get routinely updated COVID-19 information, including updates on when the vaccine will be available to all Veterans, visit [www.saginaw.va.gov](http://www.saginaw.va.gov).

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 37,400 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at [www.saginaw.va.gov](http://www.saginaw.va.gov).

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