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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media

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SUBJECT: Vaccine Appointment Scheduling for 16 and 17 year olds

Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) will begin scheduling appointments for 16 and 17 year olds who are in need of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine. First doses will be given at the NMU Northern Center on Thursday, April 22nd from 3pm-6pm and Saturday, April 24th from 1pm-4pm.

Those who have already preregistered with MCHD will receive an email with a scheduling invitation. If you have not preregistered, please use the link to the registration form on our website, mqthealth.org. Depending on availability, the schedule will show open time slots. If no appointments are available, please check back for additional dates. **Minors aged 16 and 17 will need a parent or guardian to accompany them to their appointment in order to provide consent.**

The Pfizer vaccine was originally approved for this age group. However, due to limited supply and prioritizations, this vaccine has not been widely available until now. Many in this age group work frontline jobs and participate in sports and activities that put them at a greater risk for COVID-19. Vaccinations are a key to our community returning to normal.

If you need assistance with scheduling please call 906-475-7847. Phone lines are staffed Monday-Friday from 10am-5pm. Vaccination appointments for those 18 and older are still being offered and registration information can be found at mqthealth.org.

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