

## MI VACC TO NORMAL STAKEHOLDER TALKING POINTS

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### TODAY, GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCED MICHIGAN'S PATH OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – MI VACC TO NORMAL.

- It's clear that throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Whitmer's actions saved lives and are helping Michigan's economy recover faster.
  - Governor Whitmer stayed focused on doing the right things: acting quickly, following the science, and listening to the experts.
- Michigan is ranked 37<sup>th</sup> lowest by *The New York Times* when looking at the cumulative COVID case rate based on population throughout the pandemic.
- This week, the state is set to surpass a total of seven million doses administered. Seven million doses of hope.
- The 'Mi Vacc to Normal' plan follows the science and allows Michiganders to start moving towards a sense normalcy after they're vaccinated.

### THE COVID-19 VACCINE: TESTED FOR SAFETY AND TRUSTED BY DOCTORS IS OUR BEST SHOT TO BEING FREE FROM THIS PANDEMIC, AND THE QUICKEST WAY FOR OUR LIVES TO RETURN TO NORMAL IS FOR EVERYONE TO GET VACCINATED.

- Governor Whitmer's goal has been and remains equitably vaccinating 70% of Michiganders ages 16 and up, which would be roughly 5.67 million people.
  - To date, just over 4 million people have gotten their first shots.
  - Of that 4 million, 2.9 million are fully vaccinated, meaning they are a few weeks out from their second shots of Pfizer or Moderna or from the single shot of Johnson & Johnson.

### THE MI VACC TO NORMAL PLAN PROVIDES A FOUR STEP PLAN FOR HOW MICHIGAN CAN SAFELY AND EFFECTIVLY WORK TOWARDS GETTING OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BACK TO NORMAL.

- **Step One:** two weeks after 4.5 million Michiganders, or 55% of those eligible, have received their first shot, MDHHS will lift the requirement for employers to require remote work when feasible.
- **Step Two:** two weeks after 4.9 million Michiganders, or 60% of those eligible, have received their first shot MDHHS will:
  - Increase indoor capacity at sports stadiums, conference centers, banquet halls, and funeral homes to 25%.
  - Increase capacity limits at gyms to 50%.
  - And lift the curfew on bars and restaurants.

- **Step Three:** two weeks after 5.3 million Michiganders, or 65% of those eligible, have received their first shot MDHHS will:
  - Lift all indoor capacity limits, only requiring social distancing between parties.
  - And relax the limits on residential social gatherings.
- **Step Four:** two weeks after 5.67 million Michiganders, or 70% of those eligible, have received their first shot MDHHS will:
  - Lift the gatherings and face masks order and no longer impose mitigation measures of that kind unless the virus threatens to overwhelm the medical system or some other unanticipated circumstance arises.

GOVERNOR WHITMER HAS SET CLEAR GOALS TO ACCOMPANY EVERY STEP OF THIS PROCESS. IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN GET THIS DONE. THIS IS THE CHALLENGE TO ALL MICHIGANDERS.

- As we drive towards our eventual goal of returning to normal, we will pass checkpoints along the way that will allow us to gradually lift more limits and eventually, we will cross the finish line.
- Once we hit 70%, we will keep working to make sure everyone who is eligible gets vaccinated as soon as possible because the more people we vaccinate, the safer we will be for the long-haul.
- Together, we'll get MI Vacc to Normal.