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COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT UPDATE – LINCOLN COUNTY, NC

Lincolnton, NC – Due to the inclement weather across the nation in the previous weeks, the allocated vaccine shipment for the Lincoln County Health department was delayed. As a result, appointments were rescheduled from previous weeks. At this point in time, we are not able to allow for open scheduling due to limited vaccine supply and the addition of priority Group 3 ([Deeper Dive-Group 3](#)).

Since we are currently receiving limited vaccine supply, we must move into Group 3 prioritization through a gradual process. Of those in Group 3, we are scheduling this population based on a tier system. We will be prioritizing those in Group 3 in accordance with the Governor's directive to include teachers, school workers, day care staff and frontline essential workers. We will also offer preferred prioritization for this group by scheduling appointment for those who are 50 years of age and older first.

We continue to schedule appointments based on the current priority groups being served and will be adding open appointments for those in Groups 1- 3 ([Who is Vaccinated First?](#)) as vaccine supply allows. The goal is to offer open scheduling for those in Groups 1-3 by mid-March. Open scheduling will be conducted in the same manner as before with a press release indicating the number of appointments available and when the link will be made available for scheduling. The health department will provide additional information on our vaccine shipment allocation, priority distribution and appointment scheduling when available.

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