

Hello, my name is Joel Strasz and I'm the Health Officer with the Bay County Health Department and today is Wednesday, January 20th and here is your weekly update for COVID-19 vaccines in Bay County.

As of today we have over twenty thousand residents that have registered through our online system. We know that this is an overwhelming amount of people that have registered but it's important to know that we have a limited number of vaccine. In fact at this current time we have less than 2,000 doses of vaccine to distribute this week alone. We are working diligently with our community partners whether it's McLaren Bay Region, Great Lakes Bay Health Center, or other providers within the community to ensure that this supply is evenly distributed.

There are on average one thousand to one thousand five hundred people registered daily. We are in the process of contacting by phone persons that have previously given us contact information but do not have access to the internet. We are working through these numbers diligently and we expect the numbers to increase substantially. However as I said before there are severe problems with supply and distribution both nationally and at the state level.

Last week we requested 3,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine from the state of Michigan. The state was unable to honor that request and we have received zero doses of Pfizer this week. We did receive a limited number of Moderna vaccine that we will be working with other providers within the community to distribute. Please be patient and work with us while we try to work with these national and statewide supply chain problems.

I want to thank you for your patience and your response, and the response has been overwhelming. Information is changing on almost a daily basis so please check our website at [www.baycounty-mi.gov](http://www.baycounty-mi.gov), our Facebook page and on this particular channel for more frequent updates. Thank you and have a good week.