



LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
Health Department

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### **Livingston County Health Department Collaborates with National Guard to Vaccinate Essential School Staff**

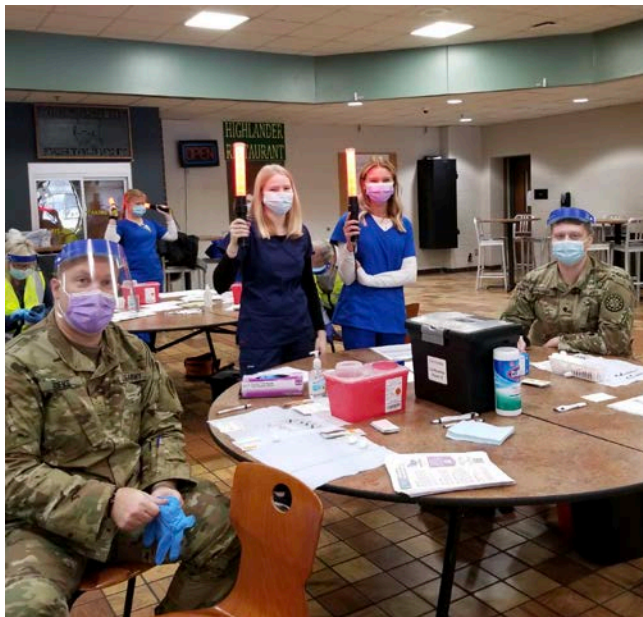
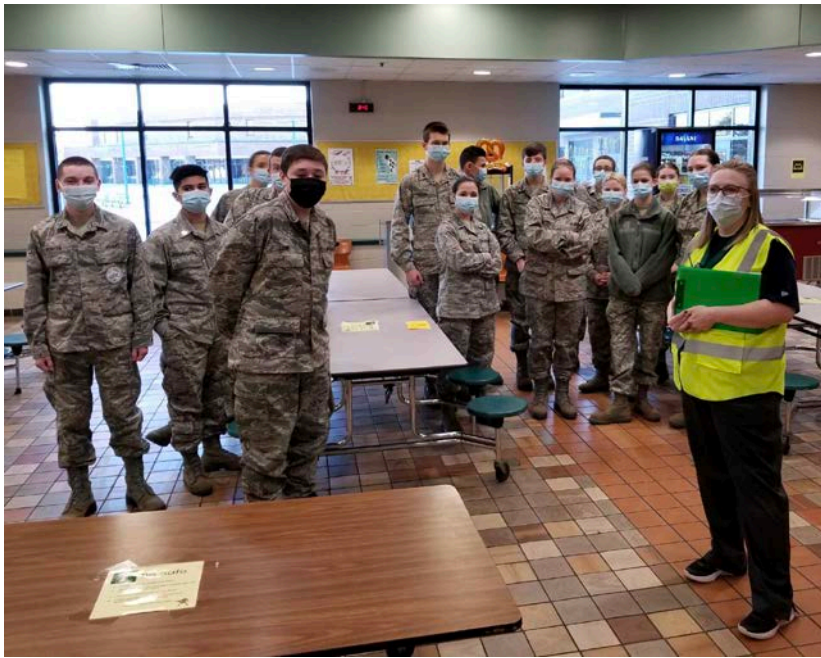
HOWELL, Michigan. - (January 25, 2021) In coordination with the Michigan National Guard, LCHD began administering the COVID-19 vaccine to essential workers in the school system on Saturday, January 24. Vaccinating educators is a critical step in ensuring local schools remain open and continue in-person learning. Many schools have struggled throughout the pandemic and continue to face challenges. The importance of the continued functioning of school systems cannot be understated. Schools provide vital services and support for children's academic, social-emotional, and physical health. The COVID-19 vaccine is an important step in keeping school staff and students safe from infection, and supporting the continuation of in-person learning.

Approximately 525 school employees were vaccinated during Saturday's clinic. To date, approximately 2,180 vaccinations in Livingston County have been given to health care workers, emergency medical and first responders, and long-term care residents, as well as those who are at highest-risk for severe COVID-19 illness due to risk factors such as age or exposure due to occupation.

The COVID-19 vaccine, along with preventive measures such as social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing, offers the best chance of getting our schools and the larger community back to normal.

For the latest updates on COVID-19 vaccination in Livingston County, visit <https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Pages/COVID19-Vaccine.aspx>.

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From top left to bottom right:

- Nicole Baran briefs the Howell ROTC team who volunteered their support for the clinic.
- Dave Feldpausch, EMS Director, provides vaccine to a school employee.
- Michigan National Guardsmen and Howell Health Occupation students prepare to provide vaccine.
- National Guardsman provides vaccine to a school employee.
- Members of the Livingston County Incident Management Team (IMT) discuss future opportunities for clinic operations. Pictured left to right, Chief Mike Evans with Brighton Area Fire Authority, Chief Nick Miller with Hamburg Township Fire, Deputy Chief of Administration/Fire Marshal Jamil Czubenko with Howell Area Fire, Lindsay Gestro Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the Livingston County Health Department.
- A Michigan National Guardsmen and Howell Health Occupation student have a light sabre duel contending for the next vaccine recipient.

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