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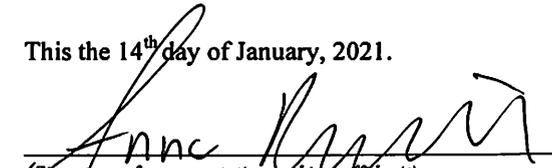
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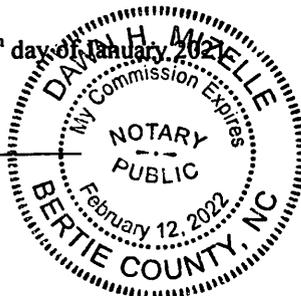
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but we continue to need the community's support. This vaccine offers hope, but we are still many months away from it being available to the general public. I would urge all community members to continue to do their part and follow necessary guidelines. We, as healthcare workers, remain committed in our efforts of caring for everyone in need.

As more vaccines become available in the coming weeks and months, I urge you to trust in the science, which has brought us such lifesaving medicine, and not let your guard down. I look forward to returning to the sunny life we had at the beginning of this long, stormy year and remain optimistic that it will be soon.

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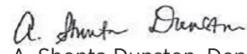
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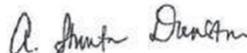
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HEALTH NEWS

ARHS administers first doses of COVID-19 vaccine

Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) has received the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine within the region.

ARHS officials say that the vaccine supplies will be limited at first; therefore, a targeted approach focusing on those at highest risk will be implemented.

To kick off the vaccination campaign, health care workers at highest risk for COVID-19 exposure will be immunized. In addition, the vaccine will be offered to long-term care staff and residents. The federal government manages vaccinations for long-term care facilities. Most of these facilities will be vaccinated under the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program with CVS and Walgreens.

“We have truly reached a turning point in this pandemic response,” said R. Battle Betts, Jr., ARHS Health Director. “Vaccines have saved countless lives and are a primary public health strategy for disease prevention. I am extremely thankful for the efforts of our public and private partners and this vaccine that is proving to be well over 90 percent effective. It’s time to roll up our sleeves so we can turn the tide on this pandemic.”

During this initial Phase, ARHS is coordinating directly with agencies and providers who meet the Phase 1 criteria. The CDC and NCDHHS have outlined the criteria as listed below:

Phase 1a

Health care workers at high risk for exposure to COVID-19 - doctors, nurses, and all who interact and care for patients with COVID-19, including those who clean areas used by patients, and those giving vaccines to these workers. Long-term care staff and residents— people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes.

Phase 1b

Adults with two or more chronic conditions that put them at risk of severe illness as defined by the CDC, including conditions like cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease and Type 2 diabetes, among others. Adults at high risk of exposure including essential frontline workers (police, food processing, teachers, child care), health care workers, and those living in prisons, homeless shelters, migrant and fishery housing with 2+ chronic conditions. Those working in prisons, jails and homeless shelters (no chronic conditions requirement).

ARHS will focus on the Phase 1A recipients and once the demand has been met, will move to the Phase 1B recipients. By working directly with the partner agencies, they are able to continue to meet local testing and case investigation needs, along with other clinical needs, while establishing focused vaccination clinics.

As the vaccine supply increases and ARHS moves to the remaining phases, additional community clinics will be established. As a reminder, the remaining phases are outlined below:

Phase 2

Essential frontline workers, health care workers, and those living in prisons, homeless shelters or migrant and fishery housing. Adults under 65 with one chronic condition that puts them at risk of severe illness as defined by the CDC.

Phase 3

College and university students. K-12 students when there is an approved vaccine for children. Those employed in jobs that are critical to society and at lower risk of exposure.

Phase 4

Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination

“Vaccine distribution will adjust over time as the number of available doses increases, moving from limited to broader populations in a phased approach,” states Betts. “At this point, we don’t know how long it will take to move through the phases of distribution or what quantities of vaccine will be received at what time, therefore we will provide updates throughout this campaign and provide additional information on how to receive the vaccine when it is your turn. We thank you all in advance for your patience and for your efforts in this pandemic response.”

While appointments are not currently being accepted for Phases 2-4, if you believe you or your agency qualifies for Phase 1A or 1B, please contact your local health department. All vaccinations must be registered and approved through the COVID Vaccine Management System or CVMS which has been developed by NCDHHS, therefore coordination with the local health department as a Phase 1A or 1B recipient is crucial. The registration process for Phases 2-4 will be communicated as ARHS approaches those phases.

Please note that once vaccinated, protection is NOT immediate. The two-dose series is needed then it will take 1 to 2 weeks following the second dose to be considered fully vaccinated. CDC also notes that no vaccine is 100% effective. Given this information, vaccinated persons should continue to follow all guidance including:

- Wearing a mask
 - Staying at least 6 ft away from others
 - Avoiding crowds
 - Washing hands often
 - Following CDC Travel Guidance
 - Following isolation guidance if sick
 - quarantine guidance if exposed
 - Following workplace and school guidance if applicable
- If you have any questions, please contact your local health department:
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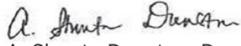
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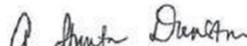
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Wesson said the Bertie Democratic Party, “did things the right way” by soliciting candidates interested in filling the vacancy and interviewing each candidate. James Lee, Roberson, Carl Bond, and Michael Williams were those candidates. At the December meeting, Dudley noted that Lee received over 76 percent of the vote taken among party officials.

“But the fix was already in; these [three] commissioners in essence said to hell with the will of the citizens and made their decision prior to [the process] starting,” Wesson remarked.

“I don’t appreciate the word rigged,” said Commissioner Lee. “This was not rigged. Yes, I was called and I told Mr. Trent that I hadn’t made up my mind. But after talking to others, including my husband who holds Ron Roberson in high regard, and after talking to Mr. Roberson himself, I told him he had my support.”

“Rigged is the correct word, and a better word might even be collusion,” Wesson said. “The General Statute advises us that we should hear the recommendation [of the political party’s leadership]. You just confirmed that ya’ll made your decision prior to the Democratic Party even being notified to give us a recommendation.

“What did they go through this process for if you’re not going to even listen to them before you make up your mind,” Wesson asked his board colleagues.

Mrs. Lee stated that she was contacted by Trent about this issue.

“He didn’t ask me to support Mr. Roberson; he said that he was supporting him,” she noted.

“So, it was only the three of you talking; I’m a commissioner too; ya’ll never came to me,” Wesson said.

“I’m sorry you feel the way you feel,” Mrs. Lee told Wesson.

“No, I’m sorry you feel the way you do, to make a decision prior to listening to the Democratic Party and accepting their recommendation,” Wesson concluded.

In the ensuing vote, Mrs. Lee, Trent and Atkins voiced their vote for Roberson while Wesson cast a no vote.

It was later discussed that Roberson will be sworn in at the board’s next scheduled meeting on Jan. 20.

Prior to the discussion about filling the vacant seat, the commissioners heard from several county citizens during public comments, each submitted electronically and read into the record by interim board clerk Courtney Ward.

Dudley was joined by James Pugh, Pastor Samuel Shaw, and John Davis in voicing their support, by name, for James Lee.

“We understand that the selection process ends with your [commissioners] decision,” stated Dudley. “We also acknowledge that you represent the citizens of Bertie County and serve as the voice of the people. We hope that you acknowledge that the voice of the people have spoken fairly, Democratically, and loudly.”

In his remarks, Pugh stressed that, “James Lee was the strong choice of Democratic Party leadership” and “to select any other candidate would be wrong.”

Shaw said James Lee is “a person of great integrity and an awesome team player.”

Davis noted that the interview process was the same for each of the four candidates expressing an interest in filling Bazemore’s unexpired term, and that the leadership of each voting precinct canvassed Bertie Democrats to solicit their input, adding that 76 percent of county’s Democratic leadership voted for James Lee.

Also addressing the board during public comments was Dr. K. Barber, saying that, “any office of government that is fair and just should automatically govern according to the will of the people’s majority when logical and reasonable. If any elected official fails to this....they are saying to the people that my personal agenda is more important than the people’s agenda.”

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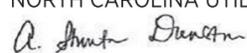
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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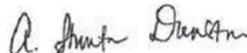
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STATE NEWS

Senator Berger announces 2021-22 committee appointments

RALEIGH - North Carolina Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) announced his intended committee appointments for the 2021-22 legislative biennium.

“The committee process is so vitally important to what the Legislature does on a daily basis. It’s where the bulk of our deliberation takes place and where compromise can be found,” Sen. Berger said. “I want to thank our committee chairs for lending their expertise to their respective committees. I look forward to seeing all of the work our committees do to improve the lives of all North Carolinians.”

The Roanoke-Chowan area is represented by two senators: Bob Steinburg (R-Edenton) who serves the 1st District (which includes Gates and Hertford counties), and Ernestine Bazemore (D-Windsor) who serves the 3rd District (which includes Bertie and Northampton counties).

Berger appointed Steinburg to the following committees:

Chairman: Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety

Chairman: Appropriations on General Government

Chairman: State and Local Government

Member: Agriculture, Energy, and Environment

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Berger appointed Bazemore to the following committees:

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