

# ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues

## Virtual Meeting!

January 15, 2021

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## AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements: Lody Zwarenstejn, President

### Legislative Presentation

#### Representative David LaGrand (D-75)



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State Rep. David LaGrand is serving his second full term representing the 75th House District, which encompasses a portion of the city of Grand Rapids. In the House, LaGrand is focused on improving the lives of Grand Rapidsians, fully investing in education, supporting small businesses to help them create good-paying jobs, protecting the environment, reforms to the criminal justice system, and government transparency.



### Program Presentation

#### Covid-19 Updates

Dr. Adam London

Administrative Health Officer, Kent County



Dr. Adam London, R.S., M.P.A. is the Director of the Kent County Health Department in Michigan. Since the onset of the COVID-19 in Michigan, Dr. London and his team have been working around the clock to protect, inform, and unite the community in Kent County. Dr. London will provide an update on the status of Covid-19 in Kent County as well as information about vaccine distribution and other important information.

Lois Carey

## Next Meeting: February 19, 2021

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# COVID-19 Vaccine: Important Facts

## Kent County Health Department

The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) Clinical Services Division is working closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prepare for the forthcoming novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.

### How do vaccines protect our community?

If 75–95 percent of the population is vaccinated, vaccines will protect people who have not been vaccinated by reducing the rate of person-to-person transmission (community protection). Vaccination has led to community protection from other illnesses, including whooping cough (pertussis).<sup>1</sup>

### Who is making a COVID-19 vaccine?

More than one pharmaceutical company may provide a vaccine, including [Pfizer](#) and [Moderna](#). KCHD anticipates a limited vaccine supply at first and will distribute it in accordance with CDC guidance and ongoing input from the community.

### Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Like all medicines, vaccines can have some adverse effects. However, vaccines provide more benefits than risks.<sup>2</sup> Data from both Pfizer and Moderna clinical trials, with over 73,000 combined participants, demonstrate that the COVID-19 vaccines have been well tolerated by people across all participating ages, genders, races, and ethnicities with no serious safety concerns observed. The most commonly reported side effects of vaccination were fatigue, muscle or joint pain, and headache—all among less than 10 percent of trial participants.<sup>3</sup>

### How effective is the COVID-19 vaccine?

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are 95 percent effective, a calculation based on observed infection rates among nonvaccinated (placebo) participants compared to vaccinated participants in each clinical trial.<sup>4</sup> According to Pfizer, “efficacy was consistent across age, gender, race, and ethnicity demographics,” including older adults.<sup>5</sup>

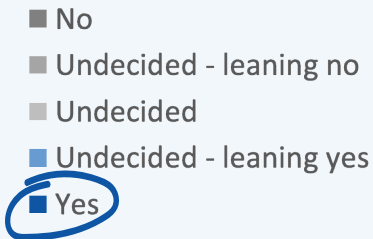
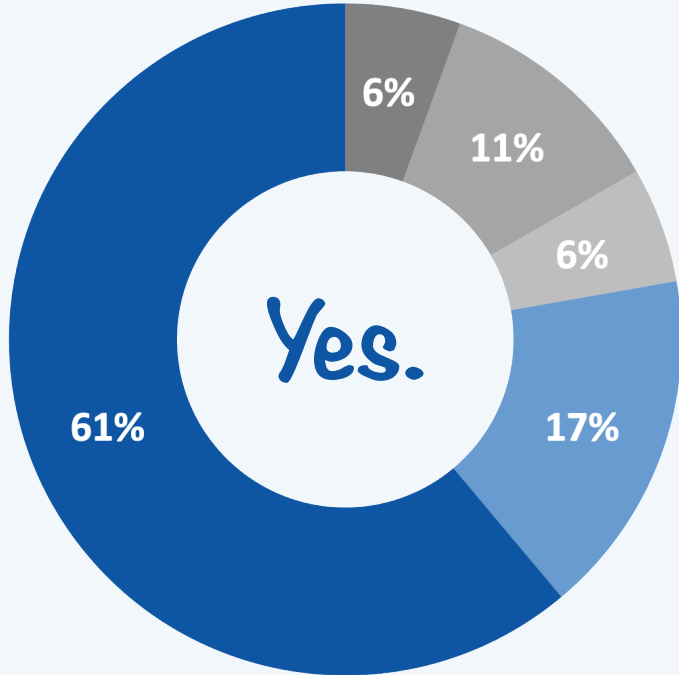
### Where can I get the vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling guidance vary by manufacturer but will require both cold and ultra-cold storage (-4° to -22°F and -76°F to -112°F, respectively). Once ready for distribution, the vaccine may be held at refrigerator temperatures for 24 hours and room temperature for up to six hours. Because of these rigorous storage and handling requirements, initial vaccination sites in Kent County will be limited. These sites will include health department clinics and health systems.

### How often do I need the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine will likely require two doses over a specific time period. Individuals receiving the vaccine will need to return to the Health Department or the location where the vaccine was first administered to receive the second dose.

# Are You getting vaccinated?



Source: Public Sector Consultants interviews with 18 human services, business, and religious leaders across Kent County.

For more answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html)



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## Endnotes

- 1 Volker Vetter, Gülhan Denizer, Leonard R. Friedland, Jyothsna Krishnan, and Marla Shapiro. September 4, 2017. "Understanding Modern-day Vaccines: What You Need to Know." *Annals of Medicine*, 50:2, 110-120. Accessed November 23, 2020. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07853890.2017.1407035>
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