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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 25, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Retail Pharmacies Designated for COVID-19 Vaccinations**

Our public health agency recently learned that the State Retail Pharmacy Program will allocate vaccine directly to pharmacies throughout Arizona as COVID-19 vaccination sites. A review of the list indicates there are six locations selected in Pima County out of sixty in the State. These are as follows:

- Fry's Food Store – 3770 W. Ina Road in northwest Tucson
- Fry's Food Store – 8080 S. Houghton Road in the Vail area
- Fry's Food Store – 15950 S. Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard in Sahuarita
- Fry's Food Store – 12100 N. Thornydale Road in Marana
- Safeway/Albertsons – 260 W. Continental in Green Valley
- Safeway/Albertsons – 12122 N. Rancho Vistoso Boulevard in Oro Valley

Pima County was not asked for input on the selection of these sites, but we are pleased to see that they are geographically distributed in the periphery of the county where older residents may experience more transportation barriers to access our high-throughput PODS

In addition, we have not been told how many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be provided to the retail pharmacies designated in Arizona.

At this time we understand that individuals will register on the pharmacy specific scheduling platform. We urged the State to use our same 1B.1.a priority, which is to first vaccinate those most susceptible to severe illness or death from COVID-19 (those over the age of 75). The State declined our advice and pharmacies may have less restrictive eligibility criteria.

We have little information as to how the State will notify individuals of these retail pharmacies being available or how individuals may register for and obtain a vaccine either through reservation process or simply walk in. I will provide more information if we obtain it.

CHH/anc

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