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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2021

TO: All Judges

CC: Court Administrators and Probate Registers

FROM: Thomas P. Boyd, State Court Administrator
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SUBJECT: Phase 1B of Vaccination Program

Effective January 11, 2021, the state of Michigan will launch Phase 1B of the vaccination program by relying on local health departments across the state to begin scheduling vaccinations for persons age 65 and older, as well as frontline essential workers. The work of the courts is essential to the functioning of society and poses a substantially higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to the need to perform so much work onsite and in close proximity to the public and coworkers.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a [Vaccination Prioritization Guidance](#) that describes the vaccination phases. According to the guidance, essential court personnel who cannot work remotely are likely eligible for a vaccination in Phase 1B (Group B or C) because their work puts them at risk of exposure. Since vaccinations in this category will begin on January 11, 2021, we urge you to contact your local health department to schedule vaccinations for your court.