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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2021

TO: Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

CC: All Chief Judges
Michigan Association for Local Public Health
State Bar of Michigan
Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

FROM: Thomas P. Boyd

SUBJECT: Vaccinations for At-risk Attorneys

As local health departments begin vaccinating members of the public in Phase 1B, we would like to draw your attention to the risks faced by attorneys and court employees whose positions require them to enter juvenile justice facilities, prisons, jails, and police lockups. These individuals are at a higher level of risk for acquiring and transmitting COVID-19 than other essential court personnel and attorneys. They should be prioritized with sheriff's correction deputies. We urge the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments to include attorneys and court personnel whose jobs require them to interact with prisoners, inmates, and juvenile respondents incarcerated or held in detention or residential facilities, in Phase 1B (Group B) in the vaccination prioritization schedule.