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ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES UPDATE ON DELAYS IN VACCINE SHIPMENTS AND CLINIC SCHEDULES

Elizabeth City, NC –Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS) is providing an update on upcoming vaccine clinics throughout the region. Due to weather related vaccine shipment delays, we will **NOT** be announcing first and second dose clinics for the week for February 22-25 at this time. We will provide updated clinic schedules as soon as we are notified of anticipated shipping dates. ARHS is aware that individuals will need their second doses next week. Rest assured that you will receive your guaranteed dosage upon arrival. Second doses can be administered up to six weeks (42 days) following the first dose.

"This unforeseen delay in vaccine arriving to the region due to extreme weather conditions across the United States will impact our vaccine clinics next week," states R. Battle Betts Jr., MPA, Health Director. "We continue to appreciate everyone's patience with the vaccine process and we hope to move forward with vaccine clinics as soon as we have notice that vaccine shipments are on their way. Please continue to monitor media outlets for schedule updates."

For more information about COVID-19, visit these sites:

Albemarle Regional Health Services - http://www.arhs-nc.org/ or call **252-338-WELL or 1-833-640-SHOT**

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - https://www.ncdhhs.gov/

Center for Disease Control - https://www.cdc.gov/

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