

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Board of Commissioners urges governor to prioritize educators, EMS workers for COVID-19 vaccines**

**December 15, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – At its meeting on December 7, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution urging Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to prioritize teachers, non-instructional school staff and EMS workers for receiving COVID-19 vaccinations.

“Priority vaccination for teachers is a critical step in assuring that our children’s education and social engagement remains a central focus,” said Commissioner **Tom Kuhn** (R-Troy), who co-sponsored the resolution. “The unanimous support of this resolution demonstrates how extremely important prioritizing teachers for vaccination is for all of us.”

The vaccination of teachers and non-instructional staff would provide a multitude of benefits, including protecting their health as well as the children’s, addressing parent concerns about their children’s education and enhancing the emotional well-being of communities.

“It is critical that all schools safely return to in-person instruction as quickly as possible,” said Commissioner **Adam Kochenderfer** (R-Rochester Hills), who also cosponsored the resolution. “Too many students are getting left behind.”

Late last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the use of the first COVID-19 vaccine. State officials will determine who will receive the first doses of the vaccine, based on recommendations made by the CDC. It is anticipated that health care workers and others on the front lines battling the virus will receive the first round of shots.

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