Dec. 21, 2020

Dear Pigeon Forge Residents,

The Sevier County Health Department (SCHD) is preparing to begin COVID-19 vaccinations this week. This first round of vaccinations is designated for inpatient and other high-exposure healthcare workers; residents and staff of long-term care facilities; and first responders. If you are not a member of one of these groups, you are not eligible for a vaccination at this time. As more vaccines become available, more people will have the opportunity to be vaccinated, and these opportunities will be widely communicated. You will be updated as this process continues. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your primary care physician.

As the vaccination process gets underway, the SCHD is unable to provide COVID-19 testing at the same level as previous months. However, testing remains very important in our efforts to slow the spread of this disease. Beginning Monday, Dec. 21, the SCHD is offering a self-administered COVID-19 test on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. You must call **865-429-6232 to schedule a test.** The self-administered test requires a working email and smart phone.

The SCHD provides drive-thru testing on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8am-2pm. Please note the following closures during the upcoming holidays:

Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25—Closed; no testing
Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1—Closed; no testing

Please continue to be vigilant in your efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing your hands, watch your distance and avoid crowds when possible.

Sincerely,

Earlene Teaster
City Manager