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## **Local Providers Partner to Bring COVID-19 Vaccine Doses to Homebound Residents**

**SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO** — Residents will now have the chance to receive a COVID-19 vaccine through a new program dedicated to bringing doses to people who are homebound.

Approximately, 800 residents in the region are currently served by programs that work directly with homebound individuals. Many of these residents are facing health complications that place them at high risk for severe cases of COVID-19. Even though these people now qualify for a dose, they often are unable to travel to an appointment without help.

For several weeks, South Central Public Health District and the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging have worked together to identify these residents and connect them with community providers who offer transportation services at no cost. Now, the program is expanding to include mobile providers who are willing and able to bring vaccine doses to residents who cannot leave home.

The Magic Valley Paramedic Community Health Emergency Medical Services (CHEMS) unit, Minidoka Memorial Hospital CHEMS unit, Shoshone Family Medical Center and Luke's Pharmacy will help provide vaccine doses throughout South Central Idaho. Roll out dates vary by county.

Residents who are homebound and qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine dose are urged to sign up. Please call the SCPHD COVID-19 hotline, 208-737-1138, or the CSI Office on Aging, 208-736-2122, if you are unable to leave your home or need transportation assistance to make it to your vaccine appointment.