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### **Board of disabilities and health district join forces to “save lives” in Warren County**

(Lebanon, OH) – On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) was pleased to host a vaccination clinic to individuals eligible for Phase 1-B of Ohio’s COVID-19 Vaccination Program. A total of 300 individuals identified as eligible in Warren County were immediately notified by county board staff and given the option to schedule an appointment.

Held in the gymnasium of the Warren C. Young Center, approximately 223 individuals received their first dosage of the *Pfizer BioNTech* vaccine, administered by the capable hands of the Warren County Health District (WCHD) team. Upon vaccination, individuals were then seated and closely monitored by staff in an effort to detect any adverse effects.

“We were so happy to collaborate with the Warren County Health District in order to distribute vaccines to the people we serve who also have a severe congenital, developmental, or early on-set medical disorder” said WCBDD Superintendent, Megan Manuel. “Because the people included in this group have a higher risk of death from COVID, this opportunity was so important, literally saving lives.”

The combined forces of the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Warren County Health District were met with gratitude and relief from members of the community who described the vaccination clinic as “seamless” and “well organized”. Another community member added, “Lives are being saved in that gym today”.

Manuel concludes, “It was an amazing sight to see, and I was proud to be a part of it. We really appreciate Governor DeWine and DODD Director Davis for prioritizing people in this group!”

The second dose of the *Pfizer BioNTech* vaccine will be administered at the Warren C. Young Center on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Presidents’ Day.

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