



MEDIA ADVISORY

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PLZ SEE BELOW: UPDATED media parking instructions from FEMA

Congressional delegation from southeast Michigan, Lt. Gov. Gilchrist II to get guided tour of Ford Field COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic Monday by FEMA, Dept. of Defense, DHS officials

WHEN: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2021

WHO: Michigan Lt. Gov. **Garlin Gilchrist II** and members of Michigan's congressional delegation from southeast Michigan: U.S. Sen. **Gary Peters**, Rep. **Debbie Dingell**, Rep. **Brenda Lawrence**, Rep. **Andy Levin**, Rep. **Lisa McClain**, Rep. **Elissa Slotkin**, Rep. **Haley Stevens**, Rep. **Rashida Tlaib**

WHAT: State and federal staff and officials supporting the vaccination center located at Ford Field in Detroit will host a tour and briefing of the site for members of the Michigan Congressional delegation and designated staff.

The delegation and Lt. Gov. Gilchrist II will hold a media Q&A along with Protect Michigan Commission Director **Kerry Ebersole Singh** after receiving a guided tour from leaders of the Ford Field mass vaccination clinic, including:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 5 Acting Regional Administrator **Kevin M. Sligh Sr.**, Dept. of Defense (DoD) Michigan Dual Status Commander Col. **Sean Southworth**, DoD Dual Status Commander Title 10 Deputy Col. **Jeff McDonald**, DoD Task Force Northeast Incident Support Team Officer In Charge Col. **Jack Mateer**, FEMA Office of Equal Rights Director **JoLinda Johnson**.

This walk-through will provide the delegation and state leaders an opportunity to see the site in advance of opening day on Wednesday, March 24, view trainings, talk to those managing the site, and discuss the operational posture. They will guide the delegation through the process a person receiving a vaccine at Ford Field will experience, including:

- Screening upon entry / Entry for access and functional needs
- Registration
- Vaccination
- Observation / response actions for medical situation
- Egress

WHERE: **Ford Field. Media should enter the stadium** through the Gate G Ticket Office on St. Antoine Street (blue awning) where they will immediately proceed to complete a health and security screening just beyond the gate entrance.

Media must park on the first level of the Ford Field Parking Deck on St. Antoine Street. Media must enter through the Gate G Ticket Office, across the street from the parking deck, where check-in will open at **10:15 a.m.** We ask media to please plan to **arrive no later than 10:15 a.m.** to accommodate the health and security screening required to enter the stadium. Detroit Lions/Ford Field staff will be on-site at check-in to direct media to where the media Q&A will begin at 10:30 a.m.

VISUALS: Media will only be allowed into the observation area just inside Gate G (ground floor). From this location they can get B-roll of the training and they will have line of site to the hall the delegation will be touring. **PLEASE NOTE: Media cannot interrupt those who are involved in the training.**

NOTE: Face coverings are required and social distancing protocols will be maintained.

INFO: Ford Field, which was selected according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention priority tool to help those hardest hit and most vulnerable, will operate from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. seven days a week for eight weeks under the federal government's vaccination pilot program beginning Wednesday, March 24. The site will be managed by the **state of Michigan** with support from **FEMA, Wayne County, the city of Detroit, Ford Field, Meijer, Henry Ford Health System, the Detroit Lions** and the **Protect Michigan Commission**.

The Ford Field clinic has the capacity to administer 6,000 doses daily to serve residents in the broader Southeast Michigan region. The vaccine will be offered at no cost and insurance is not required, nor will it be requested at the vaccination clinic. **All Michigan residents currently eligible to receive the vaccine can register for an appointment** if they qualify under the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The most recent [vaccine prioritization guidance](#) can be found on [Michigan's COVID-19 website](#).