



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Gov. Whitmer and metro Detroit's new COVID-19 vaccination student ambassadors to get shots in arms Tuesday from Michigan Chief Medical Executive Dr. Khaldun, Henry Ford Health System's Dr. Chu at Ford Field clinic
Detroit Lions radio announcer Lomas Brown and PMC Director Ebersole Singh will introduce squad of teen leaders who are encouraging their peers to get vaccinated

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021

WHO: Michigan Gov. **Gretchen Whitmer**
Michigan Chief Medical Executive **Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun**
Henry Ford Health System Senior Vice President, Associate Chief Clinical Officer/Chief Quality Officer **Dr. Betty S. Chu**
Protect Michigan Commission Director **Kerry Ebersole Singh**
Detroit Lions radio announcer and retired Lions great **Lomas Brown Jr.**
Seven **metro Detroit teens** who have volunteered to serve as Protect Michigan Commission COVID-19 student ambassadors with the aim of encouraging their peers to get vaccinated

WHERE: **Ford Field.** This is an **IN-PERSON** event in the Ford Field concourse with limited capacity. To attend, **PLEASE RSVP:** nowlin@gudmarketing.com.

Media who cannot attend can watch the event via livestream at:
<https://www.facebook.com/michiganhhs/>

Media must park in LOT 4 on Brush and Montcalm streets. Media must enter through the Gate C upper entrance, where they will immediately proceed to complete a health and security screening just beyond the gate entrance. Check-in will open at **9:30 a.m.** We ask media to please plan to **arrive no later than 10:00 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 the news conference site.

VISUALS: Media will be allowed only into the news conference site. From this location they can get b-roll of Gov. Whitmer and metro Detroit teenagers as they receive their

COVID-19 vaccinations from Dr. Khaldun and Dr. Chu. A Q&A with the students and PMC Director Ebersole Singh will follow the vaccination process.

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

WHAT: To highlight that all Michiganders age 16 and older are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations beginning Monday, April 5, Gov. Whitmer and seven metro Detroit teens will be vaccinated by Michigan Chief Medical Executive Khaldun and Dr. Chu. The students have volunteered to serve as Protect Michigan Commission COVID-19 ambassadors who will urge their peers to get vaccinated and continue to practice preventative measures such as properly wearing masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing to reduce the spread of the virus until the vast majority of people have been vaccinated.

Individuals 16 and 17 years of age must receive the Pfizer vaccine only. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines are only recommended for those 18 years and older. Minors ages 16 and 17 will need a parent or legal guardian to accompany them to their appointment in order to provide consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In some counties, the parent or legal guardian may be able to provide consent through a note or a phone call that has been verified by two nurses. Check with the vaccine provider first to see if this is an option where you live.

INFO: Gov. Whitmer created the **Protect Michigan Commission** in January. The appointees represent a diverse array of industries, professions and backgrounds. Housed within MDHHS, they are charged with helping to ensure every Michigander has a plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19 once the opportunity becomes available. Their goal is facilitating at least 100,000 shots in arms daily. The most recent [vaccine prioritization guidelines](#) can be found on [Michigan's COVID-19 website](#).