

# Vaccine impacts cases in Grant County, second COVID-19 vaccines to be administered soon

By Sean Douglas

Marion General Hospital, the Grant County Public Health Department, and the Grant County Emergency Management Agency gave their final COVID-19 update of 2020 on Wednesday, Dec. 30, discussing the success of the first round of vaccinations, as well as what to expect in the early stages of 2021.

According to Grant County EMA director Bob Jackson, the number of cases in the community are down. On Wednesday, there were 52 confirmed new cases, and over the past week, there were 94, down

from numbers they’ve had in previous weeks.

However, the month of December provided the highest numbers of cases in all of 2020, and Jackson expects there to be a surge after the New Year due to the Christmas holiday. With this in mind, Jackson and his team are taking the time to restock, resupply, and prepare themselves for another potential wave of cases.

“We are taking this time to rebuild, rejuvenate, and be prepared for the next surge, should that come, and most likely, it will,” Jackson said. “Everything that has gone on, and what

we know from the past, predicts that we will see another one. We are preparing for that as best as we can, and we will move forward should that happen.”

In more positive news, the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine has gone splendidly, according to several Marion healthcare providers.

At Marion General Hospital, after seven days of vaccination, approximately 900 doses have been administered. People diagnosed with COVID-19 have dropped since the vaccine became available, and admittance to the hospital has also decreased, according to

MGH representative Sarah Seward.

Additionally, the B’MAB treatment, which is geared towards older patients who have COVID-19 symptoms but not serious enough to require hospitalization, has also been successful. Of the 60 patients who have used the treatment, 58 have fully recovered.

While the vaccine is still in its early stages, all signs point to an effective treatment of the COVID-19 virus.

“We are just continuing to monitor it,” Seward said. “We are going to be about two weeks ago from our healthcare providers getting

their second dose of the vaccine. We are anxious to see what happens, if people have any kind of symptoms or anything like that. But so far, those of the healthcare providers that have received the vaccine have had minimal to no side effects from the first dose. So that’s encouraging.”

Grant County Public Health Nurse Amber Turner announced that the Health Department will be establishing a vaccine clinic of their own in the next few weeks. Training will begin in the near future, and information regarding the new clinic will be released to the public once it becomes

available.

“It’s really a day by day [process] in here,” Turner said. “We learn a little bit of something new every day.”

While the vaccine is still being administered in healthcare facilities and to healthcare workers only, the belief is that it will be readily available to the public in the next few weeks, according to Jackson.

“Once that is complete, I personally visualize them taking over some of that for the public as well,” Jackson said.

The next meeting will take on place on Thursday, Jan. 7, beginning at 3:30 pm.

## Police Reports

Dec. 28, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021

**Monday, Dec. 28**

Christina Marie Robison, 35, was preliminarily charged with battery in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Kaitlin Marie Owen, 25, was preliminarily charged with battery in the 200 block of East

Fourth Street, Marion.

Calvin Raymond Bush, 22, was preliminarily charged with probation violation – dealing in marijuana, marijuana sale intended for a minor, probation violation – residential entry break and enter dwelling, probation violation – maintaining a common nuisance,

controlled substances, criminal confinement, and domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury in the 700 block of South Boots Street, Marion.

Travis P. Delagrang, 37, was preliminarily charged with disturbing the peace in the 2200 block of South Gallatin Street, Marion.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 30**

William L. Green, 42, was preliminarily charged with domestic battery in the 500 block of South Adams Street, Marion.

David Anthony Williams, 58, was served a warrant in the 1700 block of East 38th Street, Marion.

Martina Tenna Holman, 40, was preliminarily charged with causing an accident with injury at 4th and Washington streets, Marion.

**Thursday, Dec. 31**

Cameron Terrell Stuckey, 32, was served a warrant in the 100 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Brandon Lee Smith, 29, was preliminarily charged with invasion of privacy in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Jason McClain Christopher, 23, was preliminarily charged with probation violation – original charges carrying a handgun without a license and theft in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Wesley Paul White, 59, was preliminarily charged with intimidation and invasion of privacy in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Angie Marie Rich, 53, was served a warrant in the 3200 block of South Western Avenue, Marion.

Albert Henry Hoy, 25, was preliminarily charged with battery –

no injury in the 800 block of West 17th Street, Marion.

John Allen Weaver, 49, was preliminarily charged with parole violation in the 5000 block of Prestwick Square Drive, Marion.

Sheena Shea Freshwater, 34, was served a warrant in the 600 block of West Fourth Street, Marion.

**Friday, Jan. 1**

Christopher Jones, 49, was preliminarily charged with operator never licensed, possession of a Schedule I, II, III, or IV controlled substance, possession of marijuana, resisting law enforcement, and disorderly conduct in the 2400 block of South Boots Street, Marion.

Clifford Samuel Markowski, 38, was preliminarily charged with operator never licensed and driving while suspended during a traffic stop at 28th and Boots streets, Marion.

Ashley Nicole Vanness, 35, was served a warrant in the 800 block of South Water, Jonesboro.

**Saturday, Jan. 2**

Edwin Marshaun Elkins, 39, was preliminarily charged with compulsory school attendance violation in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Brook Jupin, 44, was served a warrant in the 1800 block of North Meridian Street, Marion.

Wendi N. Bennett, 41, was preliminarily charged with unlawful possession of syringe in the 4300 block of South Lincoln Boulevard, Marion.

**Sunday, Jan. 3**

Jaluan M. Johnson, 21, was

preliminarily charged with possession of marijuana and operator never licensed during a traffic stop at Bradford and McClure streets, Marion.

Julian Alvarez, 50, was preliminarily charged with operator never licensed during a traffic stop at 9th and Branson streets, Marion.

Eugene Durand Hamilton, 39, was preliminarily charged with habitual traffic violator and operating while intoxicated during a traffic stop at Charles and Branson streets, Marion.

Jared Dane Phillips, 36, was served an immediate detention order in the 700 block of South Lenfesty Avenue, Marion.

James B. McKinney, 54, was preliminarily charged with possession of a Schedule I, II, III, or IV controlled substance and driving while suspended during a traffic stop at Ninth Street and Miller Avenue, Marion.

Twyla Jane Coffey, 26, was preliminarily charged with driving while suspended during a traffic stop at 24th and Nebraska streets, Marion.

Lakeiah J. Johnson, 35, was preliminarily charged with operator never licensed during a traffic stop at 34th and Race streets, Marion.

Andrew Michael Jones, 29, was preliminarily charged with failure to register as a sex offender at 8th and Branson streets, Marion.

Robert Matthew Murrell, 34, was preliminarily charged with refusal to identify and operator never licensed during a traffic stop at 33rd and Home streets, Marion.



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