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## Transportation to vaccine appointments for Elkhart County seniors

**ELKHART,** Feb. 1, 2021— Council on Aging is providing transportation services for Elkhart County residents who need a ride to their COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Starting in February, Council on Aging of Elkhart County is opening up transportation services to clients and non-clients alike to get their vaccines. Seniors are eligible for the shot, but some face the obstacle of transportation which is especially true for low-income seniors. COA has access to grants which allow those meeting age (60 years) and income qualifications to receive a ride at no cost to them. The goal is to keep our local seniors safe, healthy, and cared for in as many ways as possible.

"The Agency is doing its part to make Elkhart County a little safer while the vaccine does the same and we realize the importance of this vaccine," said David M. Toney, CEO. The mission of COA is to be the resource for the aging residents of Elkhart County and it has decades of senior-focused experience. Those who would like to request a ride may go to <a href="https://www.elkhartcoa.org/vaccine-trip">www.elkhartcoa.org/vaccine-trip</a> and fill out the designated Vaccine Trip Request form or call our offices at 574-295-1820 ext 258.

## **About Council on Aging of Elkhart County**

Since its incorporation in 1975, the Council on Aging of Elkhart County's mission has been to maintain and enhance the quality of life of all seniors and the disabled within Elkhart County through Transportation, In Home Care, and Life Enrichment. For those we serve, the aging process has inherently decreased their capacity for mobility, physical strength, vision and mental acuity as well as increased their need for medical care. Our services are designed specifically to bridge the gap created by these diminished abilities, to provide the functional tasks one can no longer perform on their own, and to allow clients to achieve wellness, dignity, and independence. As the only area agency providing this array of services solely for the aging and disabled population, we ensure care is available throughout the county and regardless of financial ability to pay. For more information go to <a href="https://www.elkhartcoa.org">www.elkhartcoa.org</a>.

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