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## MEDIA ADVISORY — TOMORROW IN HARRISBURG — Shapiro Administration to Highlight Updated COVID-19 Vaccine as Safe, Effective in Protecting Pennsylvanians During Respiratory Virus Season

Tomorrow, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen, and Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Michael Humphreys will visit See-Right Pharmacy in Harrisburg to discuss and illustrate the availability of the updated COVID-19 vaccine for respiratory virus season. During the event, Secretary Bogen and Commissioner Humphreys will receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Shapiro Administration has taken recent action to ensure that Pennsylvanians have clear, concise, and evidence-based information regarding vaccines. Earlier this month, **Governor Josh Shapiro** signed an executive order safeguarding Pennsylvanians' access to vaccines. Prior to that signing, the Department of Health released new vaccine guidance to provide health care professionals and residents with information they need to make informed health care decisions. The COVID-19 vaccine has been updated to protect against severe illness from new virus variants this respiratory season. Trusted U.S. professional medical societies and health care providers recommend COVID-19 vaccinations for people six months and older.

Most insurance plans cover the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost, but for people who are underinsured or uninsured, the COVID-19 vaccine is available through local <u>State Health Centers</u> and <u>Federally</u> Qualified Health Centers.

**WHO**: Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen

Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Michael Humphreys

Paul Bowers, PharmD, Pharmacy Manager at See-Right Pharmacy

WHEN: TOMMOROW, Thursday, October 23, 11:00 AM

**WHERE**: See-Right Pharmacy

2647 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

**VISUALS: Secretary Bogen** and **Commissioner Humphreys** will receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine as part of the event.

**MEDIA RSVP:** Media interested in attending must RSVP with the name of the reporter and photojournalist to ra-dhpressoffice@pa.gov.