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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Hidalgo County, City of Mercedes officials announce media availability for COVID-19 vaccine clinic

EDINBURG – THE FOLLOWING IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

Area media is invited to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes, at 1000 N. Texas Avenue, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, to document the COVID-19 community vaccine clinic aimed at healthcare workers, those working in long-term care facilities and those ages 65 and older. **BECAUSE OF STRICT ACCESS TO THE SITE, MEDIA MUST RSVP BY 8 PM TO OBTAIN A PARKING PASS THAT WILL ALLOW YOU ON SITE.**

This will be the only opportunity for the media to photograph the vaccination process and speak to city and county health experts and elected officials about the ongoing vaccination effort. Strict COVID-19 safety protocols, including facial coverings and physical distancing will be observed. Media arriving outside this window of availability will not be allowed to photograph the vaccination process.

WHO: Health experts and elected officials from the City of Mercedes and Hidalgo County

WHAT: Media availability for COVID-19 vaccine clinic

WHEN: 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 5

WHERE: Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds, 1000 N. Texas Avenue, Mercedes, Texas

WHY: Given medical privacy laws, this will be the media's only opportunity to document this COVID-19 vaccine clinic as well as speak to health experts and elected officials

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