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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Cumberland County Department of Health Vaccination Clinic Information

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NJ (February 3, 2021) – Cumberland County is currently holding COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all individuals who fall into the eligibility guidelines as established by the State of New Jersey. Joseph Derella, Director of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, indicates that the biggest challenge is obtaining vaccines stating, “While our County Health Department is working diligently to provide the vaccine to everyone who wants it, vaccines are in limited supply throughout the state.” Derella added, “We are in constant contact with state health officials regarding the supply of vaccines and, in conjunction with our county health officials, have made it clear that we have the ability to vaccinate rapidly once more vaccinations becomes available.”

The Cumberland County Department of Health is currently vaccinating patients using the Moderna vaccine. This vaccine is only suitable for individuals 18 years of age and older; no one under the age of 18 is eligible to receive it.

Cumberland County will be releasing new first dose appointments every Thursday for the month of February. Appointments can be scheduled via a link on our website [www.ccdoh.org](http://www.ccdoh.org). Once an appointment has been scheduled, individuals will receive an e-mail confirmation. For any concerns regarding scheduling, call 856-327-7090. Darlene Barber, Deputy Director of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, asks residents to be both vigilant and patient stating, “The amount of vaccines that each health department receives can change week to week, so we encourage residents to visit the health department’s website often for updates and any changes on the release of appointments.” Barber went on to state, “As vaccine production increases, Cumberland County has the infrastructure in place to vaccinate on a larger scale.”

Commissioner Carol Musso, liaison to the Health Department and Office of the Aging & Disabled, indicates that the department’s vaccination program has, “been hampered by limited supply, but has been well organized and well received by those who have received their first doses.” For those who are concerned with receiving their second doses, Musso explained, “Individuals who have received their first dose from the Cumberland County Department of Health, you will receive an e-mail to schedule a second dose.” Musso also indicated, “In the future, the department may schedule second dose appointments when the first is given.” Musso cautioned, “We are only providing second doses to those who received their first dose with the County Health Department. Individuals receiving their second doses are required to bring their vaccination card.”



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Currently, vaccination is open to the following groups:

**Phase 1a:**

- Paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials
- All residents and staff of long-term and congregate care facilities

**Phase 1b:**

- Sworn law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders
- Individuals aged 65 and older, and individuals ages 16-64 with medical conditions, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that increase the risk of severe illness from the virus

To see expanded eligibility lists with examples, visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

Sites throughout the state are utilizing their own systems to schedule appointments on the New Jersey Vaccination Scheduling System - NJVSS (available at <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>). This is a pre-registration system that is utilized by vaccine sites to contact individuals who are eligible for vaccines. This system is different than what the Cumberland County Department of Health is using to schedule individuals. If you have registered on NJVSS, you are only registered on that system and not with the Cumberland County Health Department. You must still visit [www.ccdoh.org](http://www.ccdoh.org) to get an appointment at the County clinic.

Director Derella concluded by stating, there has been a great deal of frustration for people attempting to get vaccination appointments”. Derella added that, “The Cumberland County Department of Health understands that scheduling an appointment online may present a difficulty for some individuals in our County. Eligible individuals who live in Cumberland County and are over the age of 60 and without internet access, can contact the Office on Aging for assistance at (856) 453-2220. For those that may have transportation issues, call the Cumberland Area Transit System (CATS) at (856) 691-7799.”

The City of Vineland Health Department is also holding vaccination clinics that are open to all county residents. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.vldhealth.org](http://www.vldhealth.org). The City of Vineland is also assisting Vineland Residents that do not have internet access and will be releasing a hotline number in the near future.

For those who have questions about the vaccine or vaccination appointments, the State of New Jersey has established a vaccination appointment hotline at (855) 568-0545.

*The best way to ensure you have the most up to date information is by visiting our website [www.ccdoh.org](http://www.ccdoh.org) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CCDOH](https://www.facebook.com/CCDOH).*



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