

## **Health Department Clinic Waiting List Will Provide Rolling Sign Up As Vacancies Occur**

### **Congressman Malinowski and County Director Soloway Tour Clinic**

Hunterdon County's Health Department has announced that those seeking to be added to the COVID-19 vaccination clinic waiting list should check the county website ([co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://co.hunterdon.nj.us)) regularly, as vacancies will open on a rolling basis, once groups of individuals on the 5000 person list are vaccinated, receive appointments or gain vaccination elsewhere.

Friday's waiting list sign up was capped at 5000 individuals, but many more residents desired access to the list, far exceeding the limit. "Everyone on the waiting list is guaranteed vaccine at the county clinic, as supplies are received. The Health Department cannot extend the waiting list for the clinic beyond the level of expected vaccine supplies.

The Department appreciates that there are many more people eligible for vaccination beyond the waiting list with 5000 places. The County continues to receive only 400-500 doses per week, while eligibility has been extended by the state to 50,000 people in the county," Health Department Director Karen DeMarco said.

Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners Director Sue Soloway, on behalf of the Board, has directed the County's Health Department to permit a rolling system for signing up for the vaccination clinic waiting list.

"As vacancies on the wait list occur, those spots should be made available to the public on a rolling basis as soon as possible. We recognize it will take quite a while for many on the waiting list to receive appointments because of the limited supply of the vaccine the county receives from the state.

People, however, need the reassurance that they are at least on a list and will eventually be granted an appointment, if they do not find one somewhere else," Soloway said.

Soloway visited the County vaccination clinic on Wednesday, delivering hot chocolate to staff members working the site in the cold weather. "The actual administration of vaccine by the Health Department is excellent. They are a great group of dedicated professionals. The County just needs a greater supply of vaccine to meet the demands of our residents," Director Soloway stated.

DeMarco also reported that Congressman Tom Malinowski toured the vaccination clinic at the Hazmat Garage on the Route 12 County Campus in Raritan on Tuesday.

"The staff and volunteers at our COVID-19 vaccination sites are doing everything in their power to vaccinate our community as quickly and as safely as possible," said Representative Malinowski. "I will do my part in Congress to provide the resources needed to increase the supply and distribution of vaccine, so we can speed this effort up and crush the pandemic."