

A Record Seven Hundred Receive Vaccinations At Weather Delayed Clinic On Saturday, February 20th

Over 5500 Doses Administered By County To Date

A record seven hundred first and second vaccine doses were administered by Hunterdon County's Health Department on Saturday, February 20, at the County's drive thru vaccination clinic, after snow storms forced the postponement of clinics on February 18th and 19th.

County Health Department Director Karen DeMarco stated, "Providing vaccinations to those with appointments is the mission of the clinic, and it is vitally important that those scheduled for second doses of the Moderna vaccine receive those vaccinations within the specified time frame.

When the snow storms wiped out the first dose clinic on Thursday and the second dose clinic on Friday, the staff kicked it into high gear to deliver a record seven hundred vaccinations on Saturday with a wait time of under an hour."

County personnel, including Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, have administered 5536 total doses of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine to date.

The Health Department established six stations inside the drive thru at the County's Hazmat garage, in order to move people through the process as quickly as possible.

"Over fifty County staff and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers helped make the process as smooth and efficient as possible. All those involved deserve great credit for ensuring the clinic overcame the weather obstacles," DeMarco added.

"The staff at the County clinic are so dedicated. Through the cold weather every day and the long hours last Saturday, they really have come through for our residents. The Board members greatly appreciate those efforts. Now the County simply needs more vaccine," Board of County Commissioners Director Sue Soloway stated.

The Department's wait list continues to open on the County website when individuals on the existing list are vaccinated at the clinic, receive appointments, or are vaccinated elsewhere.

DeMarco pointed out, “Every individual on the waiting list is guaranteed vaccination at the County clinic, therefore, the Health Department cannot extend the waiting list beyond the level of expected vaccine supplies.”

Hunterdon County is presently receiving 500 first doses from the state each week, with a matching number of second doses that helps to ensure second dose appointments. Vaccine shipments throughout the state for the week of February 22nd were delayed by the storms the previous week.