

County Vaccination Clinic Has Administered Over 14,000 Doses And Prepares For Expanded Eligibility

Hunterdon County's Health Department's drive through vaccination clinic has administered over 14,000 first and second doses of vaccine and is prepared for the expansion of COVID-19 vaccination eligibility, County Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren reported at the Board's meeting on April 20.

Van Doren, the Board's Health Department liaison, reported, "Yesterday everyone over the age of 16 was made eligible for vaccination, however, the state allocates the Moderna vaccine to the Hunterdon County clinic, which is approved for those age 18 and above only."

Van Doren said, "Individuals can sign up for the drive thru clinic wait list on-line at the County's website. Those who do not have access to the internet or have difficulty managing the on-line appointment process can call the County Health Department Call Center at 908 788-1351."

"A large segment of the population is signing up for vaccinations at many of the vaccination venues; the medical center, shop rite, CVS, the state mega sites, in addition to the County's drive thru clinic.

That is proving to be a sound strategy as individuals are receiving vaccinations at a higher rate now then earlier in the year, and appointments from the waiting list are coming more quickly," Van Doren added.

Health Department Director Karen DeMarco reported, "The Health Department Waiting List for COVID vaccine is effectively providing appointments for those who have signed up.

When an appointment is available at the County clinic, individuals on the County Waiting List receive a text alert and email notification and are asked to confirm the appointment. The Department is monitoring the demand for the vaccine and consideration may be given to return to a live scheduling appointment system again.

Those who have signed up for the Waiting List are encouraged to remove their names if they have received vaccination elsewhere. It is important to keep the Health Department list current with those who still need vaccine."

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DeMarco said, “To date, the County has provided over 42 clinics to serve the residents of Hunterdon County. Each of the clinics is supported by an incredible group of County employees and volunteers, and we are grateful for their continued dedication and support of the vaccination effort.”