

Vaccine Release  
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## **Front Line Health Workers Begin Receiving Vaccinations In Hunterdon County**

### **Drive Thru Vaccination Clinic Began Dec. 30**

Hunterdon County's Health Department, on Wednesday, began providing Moderna's COVID-19 vaccinations to Emergency Medical Technicians and School Nurses, target groups authorized by the CDC as Category 1A, Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Deputy Director Susan J. Soloway has announced.

Soloway, the Board's Health Department liaison, reporting at a Special Meeting of the Freeholder Board on December 30<sup>th</sup>, stated, "We have good news to report; this morning the County Health Department began administering vaccines to frontline medical workers, EMTs and School Nurses, as healthcare workers designated by the CDC as Category 1A.

EMTs are often the first to arrive on-scene and provide emergency medical care to those in need and frequently have close contact with potential COVID-19 infected patients, which is why they have been placed in the category 1A.

School nurses are medical workers that also have the potential for direct contact with COVID-19 cases and are classified category 1A."

Soloway said, "The County's vaccination program is limited by both the amount of vaccine provided and the CDC's strict rules as to the categories of individuals that will receive the vaccinations, in order of priority.

More vaccine is anticipated to be received next week. The CDC will advise when the county program can be expanded to the Category 1B group, which includes First Responders, Firefighters, law enforcement officers, teachers, critical infrastructure workers, and residents 75 years of age and older."

Hunterdon County's vaccine distribution is taking place as a drive-thru operation that allows for social distancing and efficiency in distribution and is overseen by the county Health Department, according to Health Officer Karen DeMarco.