CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT
COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

February 5, 2021

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

- ***NEW* If you are age 16-64 years old with certain conditions or disabilities that increase your risk of severe illness from COVID-19**, please fill out this Request for Individual Vaccination Survey. Please note that by completing this survey, your name will be added to a waitlist to receive notification when a COVID-19 vaccine is available to you and provide you with information on how to register

- This week, in partnership with healthcare providers, we vaccinated:
    - Healthcare providers in Phase 1a
    - EMS
    - Long term care staff and residents
    - School and jail nurses
    - K-12 public school staff
    - Ages 65+

- There are around 150,000 people who fall into the Phase 1a and Phase 1b categories in our health district. **Currently, the demand for vaccine in our health district still exceeds our supply.** We will update you when our supply changes.

- **Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership:** The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination was announced earlier this week. It is a collaboration between the federal government, pharmacy partners, and states and territories to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination across the United States. For more information about the program, click here. We are still waiting from guidance from the Virginia Department of Health on how this will operate in Virginia. We will share that information when we receive it.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I register my parents, neighbor, and/or friend for the vaccine?

If your family member, neighbor, or friend is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and is not able to sign up for our vaccine waitlist online, then you may complete the appropriate survey on their behalf. You can use your contact information when completing the surveys. If you use your

contact information, you will receive the registration information for that person.

- For those in Phase 1a, ages 65+, and 16-64 with a high risk health condition please complete the Request for Individual Vaccination Survey
- For everyone else please complete the request for the COVID-19 Vaccine Update

If they would like to complete the pre-registration process for themselves and they do not have email and/or internet, please have them call one of our health departments and they will take you information. Our health department phone numbers are below:

Bath: 540-839-7246 | **Harrisonburg:** 540-574-5102 | **Highland:** 540-468-2270
Lexington: 540-463-3185 | **Staunton:** 540-332-7830 | **Waynesboro:** 540-949-0137

If you have internet access or email, please help us keep the phone lines open for those without internet access by completing the appropriate survey or emailing cshdinfo@vdh.virginia.gov.

How do we know you received our information and that we are on the waitlist?

We do not have the capacity to check on your place in the waitlist or if your information is in your database. If you are receiving our weekly updates, then we have your information and you are on our waitlist. If you completed the pre-registration surveys after 1/25 then you should have received an email saying we received your response. If you did not receive that email, please check your spam folder. When completing the surveys, is important to double check that you have entered the correct email address.

You only need to complete the surveys once. We will send you registration information when there is a vaccine available for you. We send out registration information based on the day/time you entered the waitlist.

How will I receive registration information?

You will receive an email from the health department or one of our healthcare partners with registration information. We share our waitlist with our healthcare partners. If you receive an email from the health department, the email will come from an email address that ends in virginia.gov. We are using "PrepMod" as our registration system. If you do not have internet or email and called the health department to get on the waitlist, we will call you and register you over the phone.

Please only complete registration links that are sent directly to you by the health department or our healthcare partners. All of our clinics are **by appointment only** and we are using the waitlist to send out registration links. We monitor the list of those who have registered and will cancel your appointment if you are not on the list we sent the registration information to.

How do I schedule my second dose?

The health department is transitioning to a new registration system called PrepMod. Individuals who received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at a CSHD site will be sent instructions on how to register for your second dose through PrepMod close to the date of need for your second dose. At this point, all first doses of vaccine received in CSHD have matched second doses available. If you received your initial dose outside of CSHD; you will need to return to your original location for the second dose.

Where can I get information about our local vaccine distribution?

You can find information about our vaccination efforts on our website.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE WHILE YOU WAIT

Here are the actions that you can take to prepare for the COVID-19 vaccine. If you are not sure which phase you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please fill out the VDH COVID-19 Eligibility Tool.

If you completed the forms below, we have received your information and you are on the waitlist of community members wanting to receive the vaccine. We do not have the capacity to tell you where you are on the waitlist. We will send you registration information when there is a vaccine available for you. In the meantime, we will send you weekly updates about our vaccination efforts.

- **If you are aged 65 and up and want to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine** , please fill out this Request for Individual Vaccination Survey. Please note that by completing this survey, your name will be added to a waitlist to receive notification when a COVID-19 vaccine is available to you and provide you with information on how to register.
- ***NEW* If you are age 16-64 years old with certain conditions or disabilities that increase your risk of severe illness from COVID-19**, please sign up for our COVID-19 Vaccine Update. We will use this update to notify you when we start to vaccinate this group. If you are unsure if you are eligible for Phase 1b under this category, please complete this VDH Eligibility Tool.
- **If you are an employer or organization of essential workers in Phase 1a or Phase 1b**, please fill out this Vaccine Clinic for Employers Survey.
- **If you are a individual who is part of an essential worker organization included in Phase 1a or Phase 1b**, please speak with your supervisor about being included in their roster for vaccination purposes.
- **If you are an essential worker in private practice included in Phase 1a or Phase 1b** , please fill out this Request for Individual Vaccination Survey.
- **If you are none of the above or in Phase 1c** and want to receive updates about the Central Shenandoah Health Districts vaccine distribution efforts, please sign up for our COVID-19 Vaccine Update. You can find information about who is included in Phase 1c here.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

PROCESS TO GET A COVID-19 VACCINE

1

COMPLETE THE FORMS ON OUR WEBSITE

- Visit **https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/central-shenandoah/covid-19-vaccine-information/**
- Complete the online forms that apply to you
- You only need to complete the forms once

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KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EMAIL

- You will receive weekly vaccine update emails from the health department
- Due to our limited supply, it may be March or later before all groups included in Phase 1b will be able to receive a vaccine
- Continue to take preventative actions

3

REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT

- Registration information will be sent via email when there is a vaccine available for you
- Arrive on time for your appointment
- Schedule your 2nd dose

WASH YOUR HANDS | WATCH YOUR DISTANCE | WEAR A MASK

Everyone should:

- **Talk to your doctor.** Ask your doctor if they plan to provide the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Follow us on Facebook.** We will post important COVID-19 vaccine updated on our

Facebook page.

- **Bookmark our [website](#).** We also post updates on our website, including any press releases we issue.
- **Attend our twice weekly office hours.** Our health education team is hosting office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. **New!** We will have Spanish speaking health educators available on every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00pm-6:45pm.

VACCINATION NUMBERS

This week we began publish daily and weekly data on the number of vaccines we administered and the populations we vaccinated. The daily vaccine numbers can be found on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

These numbers only reflect COVID-19 vaccinations performed by the Central Shenandoah Health District and are not a reflection of total COVID-19 vaccines given within the health district and are approximate as of date received. For total COVID-19 vaccine distribution numbers, please visit the [VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#). The snap shot for last week is below and can also be found on our website.

Note on weekly total: CSHD plans our clinics week to week, with vaccines earmarked for specific clinics and populations. Sometimes, not all of our vaccines are used in a week, but our goal is to get it out into arms as fast as possible, therefore we make sure to use those leftover doses in clinics the following week and increase the vaccination capacity for that week. Furthermore, CSHD worked with the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 to gain access to vaccines that may have not been earmarked for immediate use in community vaccination efforts. The common mission of all partners working on vaccine response is to get vaccines out to priority groups as quickly as possible.

CSHD COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts - Week of January 25th

Vaccine Planning Considerations:

It is important to take the following into consideration when looking at district vaccine distribution efforts:

- The distribution of vaccine from the federal government to Virginia has been limited, which has affected the ability of local health departments and community partners to obtain vaccine to offer to priority groups.
- We expect vaccine availability to be limited over the next few months.
- CSHD is working with our local healthcare partners to increase our community capacity to vaccinate individuals in Phase 1b.

Total COVID-19 Vaccines Given by CSHD
9,030 doses
*as of 1/29/2021

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Date	Daily Number of COVID-19 Vaccines Distributed by CSHD
Tues, Jan. 26th	150
Wed, Jan. 27th	700
Thurs, Jan. 28th	820
Fri, Jan. 29th	1,620
Sat, Jan 30th	880
Weekly Total	4,170

Planned Vaccination Efforts This Week:

PHASE 1A:
- EMS
- Long Term Care

PHASE 1B:
- Group Home Staff & Residents
- K-12 staff

Planned Vaccination Efforts Next Week:

PHASE 1A:
- EMS
- Long Term Care
- Phase 1A catch-up

PHASE 1B:
- K-12 Staff

DON'T FORGET-STAY VIGILANT!

COVID-19 is in our community. To stop the spread, everyone should continue to:
- Wear a face mask when around people you don't live with
- Avoid social gatherings and keep 6ft. distance between you and others
- Wash your hands and cover your cough

It is crucial that everyone takes these prevention measures, even after you get vaccinated!

Central Shenandoah Health District:

- Our district comprises of 5 counties and 5 cities: Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath & Highland Counties Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, Buena Vista Cities
- Due to the differences in populations and resources in the five counties and five cities that make up the district, some areas may move into the different vaccination phases faster than others. We should also expect overlap in the phases as we work through the vaccination process.

The COVID-19 vaccine is here, but we still need to focus on flattening the curve.

Watch your distance | Wash your hands | Wear a mask

BIG GAME LITTLE PARTY 2021

Keep your game-time celebration small this year to fight COVID.

That way, we all win.

VIRGINIA'S HEALTH IS IN OUR HANDS.
Do your part, stop the spread.

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

If you haven't already, click here to sign up for our COVID-19 newsletter!

You can unsubscribe to these emails by clicking "Unsubscribe" below the newsletter.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine visit the **Virginia Department of Health Website**.