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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Division of Health

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for Healthcare Workers and Residents of Long-term Care Centers is Underway

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West Windsor - In order to maximize COVID vaccination efforts, the Mercer County Health Officers Association has formed an alliance to serve all communities within Mercer County throughout the four phases of the Covid-19 vaccination distribution.

- Hospitals and long-term care centers are currently vaccinating their staff and patients.
- This newly formed alliance is currently planning a series of COVID-19 vaccination clinics to support ongoing efforts to vaccinate healthcare workers which include emergency medical services
- Currently in vaccination **Phase 1A**, all healthcare workers are eligible for the vaccine.
- **Healthcare workers should contact the local health department where they live or work to learn how to register for a clinic.**
- The first series of clinics are scheduled for the week of December 28th with priority being given to local EMS and other community health care workers.
 - Hamilton Township Health Department will host clinics the initial week, followed by West Windsor Township Health Department the first week of January and Princeton Health Department the second week. The alliance of local health department will continue to coordinate clinics on a weekly basis during this initial phase of vaccine rollout.
 - Once that population is vaccinated across the State, a determination at the state level will be made to move onto the next priority group (currently defined as front line essential workers and person over 75 years of age / **Phase 1B**) and then onto the next (**Phase 1C**, other essential workers, adults 65-74, and persons aged 16-64 with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19.)
- COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be subject to the availability of vaccine doses on hand or accessible within the supply chain.
- Local Health Departments are one piece of the puzzle to vaccinate the State goal of 70% of the adult population in 6 months. This collective effort will ensure that our residents are provided with the opportunity to receive their vaccination in a timely manner and in a safe medical setting
- Other vaccine sites coming soon include retail pharmacies, local urgent cares, doctors' offices, and additional public health partner agencies.

The Mercer County Health Officers Association was formed in 1972 specifically to safeguard the citizens of Mercer County in the event of a large-scale public health crisis.

For more information on coronavirus (SARS-2) and COVID-19:

- ❖ West Windsor Township Website: www.westwindsornj.org
- ❖ State of NJ COVID-19 Resource Page: www.covid19.nj.gov
- ❖ CDC – General Information on Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- ❖ CDC: Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

For questions about coronavirus, the New Jersey Department of Health has a COVID-19 Hotline, 24/7, at 1-800-222-1222. The West Windsor Health Department can be reached at (609)936-8400 for additional information.