

Towns, health departments, and many health care partners are working to provide vaccinations to their constituents in accordance with the statewide vaccine distribution strategy. The flow of information is moving fast – faster than the amount of vaccine that can be allocated to those who are on the “eligible” list.

We continue to be told that vaccine supply will not meet demand for at least several weeks. As such, and in keeping with the State’s strategy in moving to Phase 1b, our local focus will be on our elderly residents who are most vulnerable to the effects of the virus, and may also have difficulty accessing vaccine through a web portal and travel.

- A Pre-registration form has been added to our Town website, it is on the home page and is a red banner that states [Vaccine Pre Registration for 75 Years Old and Up](#). This pre-registration allows us to prioritize our vulnerable population to provide vaccinations. All responses are confidential and will only be used in an effort to vaccinate our residents in a safe and effective manner. We expect those clinics in the coming weeks, we remain unsure how large they will be.
- In addition, the Governor’s office announced today methods for eligible residents and businesses to sign-up for a Covid19 vaccination, for themselves and/or their agency’s workforce.
 - This is the State of Connecticut CT.GOV webpage regarding vaccination:
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/covid-19%20vaccinations>
 - and the link on that page that addresses the priority group of People 75 and older and includes the link to scheduling thru the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS)
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>
 - The CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line is 877-918-2224. The line will take calls on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will offer a call-back option when all contact specialists are busy serving other callers. The team will aim to return calls as soon as possible, with the goal of same-day response.

For our residents 75 and up, it is fine to sign up in VAMS as well as pre-register with the Town at this early time. We want you to avail yourself to any vaccination opportunity that is soonest and will work for you. Pre-registering with us is not a registration or an appointment and does not preclude you from registering in VAMS. As vaccine becomes available to us, we will contact you to make an appointment locally, and you can let us know if you have already been able to get vaccinated.

It is our understanding that other providers may also send out registration and appointment opportunities and you should avail yourself to them as well if you choose.

We ask for your patience as we work through this time period and we look forward to a rhythm to the process which will come in time. We are working with the information and the requirements that are prescribed to us. We will continue to share news through public platforms and will inform those eligible individuals in our jurisdiction as to how to make appointments for their vaccination.