

December 24, 2020

Dear Residents,

The Township of River Vale has received an extensive vaccination plan from the State of New Jersey which will be implemented based on vaccine availability. Currently, all hospitals are using the Pfizer vaccine. Bergen County will be administering the vaccine at a mega site at the Meadowlands racetrack in addition to a smaller site at New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus. CVS and Walgreens will be giving vaccines to long term care residents and staff. River Vale will be following CDC guidelines as to the order of priority to receive the vaccine. We are expecting a communication plan as to how each category of recipients will be notified. That is all the information that I have as of now, so unfortunately if you have additional questions, I won't be able to answer them at this time.

The CDC is requiring the following schedule and phases:

**1A Healthcare Professionals [Mid December - end of January]**

- Hospital workers
- LTC workers
- Veteran's home workers
- Home care workers
- Ambulatory and urgent care clinic workers
- Dialysis center workers
- Dental office workers
- Morticians and funeral home workers
- Pharmacy workers
- Other non-hospital healthcare facilities workers
- Public health workers (e.g. FQHCs)
- Group home workers
- Other paid and unpaid, licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers
- Long-term care facilities
- Veterans' homes
- Correctional facilities, prisons, juvenile centers, county jail
- IDD group homes
- Mental health group homes
- Psychiatric hospitals

- Other long-term care settings

#### **1B First responders [End of January - Early April]**

- Police
- Firefighters
- Other first responders
- Food service workers
- Port Authority workers
- New Jersey Transit workers
- Teachers, staff, and childcare workers
- Workers who support radio, print, internet and television news and media services
- Other critical workers (CISA)
- Other essential workers

#### **1C People of high risk of COVID-19 illness [End of February - May]**

- People at all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at high risk of COVID-19 (e.g., hypertension, obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic lung disease, cancer, chronic kidney disease, immuno-compromised, sickle cell disease)
- People living or working in congregate or overcrowded settings – e.g. Colleges and universities
- People living or working in congregate or overcrowded settings – e.g. Migrant workers
- People living or working in congregate or overcrowded settings - Other
- Tribal populations
- Other people at high risk of COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities, occupations, demographics, etc.
- People over 65 years

#### **Phase II - General population [Based on availability, starts end of May]**

As we get more information, we will keep you posted. Thank you.

Be Well and Happy Holidays!

- Mayor Glen Jasionowski