



## *Vaccination Update from River Vale's Health Services Provider*

Dear Residents,

Over the past several months, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission (NWRHC), has taken a multi-faceted approach to become an approved COVID-19 vaccination site so we can continue to serve local communities in the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. As you are likely aware, vaccine allocation has been largely unpredictable throughout the country. NWRHC expected to begin administering vaccines the week of 2/1/21 and placed a direct vaccine order with the State of NJ to receive doses.

Unfortunately, the New Jersey Department of Health abruptly changed course and determined vaccines would be allocated exclusively to county-run sites rather than working directly with local health departments. This decision has resulted in significant uncertainty as to the number of vaccines, if any, NWRHC would receive. We have been notified by Bergen County that they will retain all allocated doses from the NJDOH and that no vaccines will be provided to local clinics for the foreseeable future.

NWRHC believes delivering vaccines to both the county and local clinics is the best way to meet our community members' needs for vaccination and will continue to strive toward this goal. Due to this recent decision, we are urging our residents to seek appointments elsewhere. Please know, we will continue to monitor the vaccine allocation system and will provide updates when we are able to reliably establish local clinics for our communities.

The New Jersey Call Center number is 1-855-568-0545. The call center offers 250 live agents that will assist with vaccine registration.

Please see a complete list of vaccine locations on the NWRHC website:  
<https://www.nwbrhc.org/>