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Cayuga County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Week #1 Recap

The Cayuga County Health Department has administered 2,400 doses of the first allotment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at our vaccination clinics this week for those in priority groups 1A and 1B. This is the total amount of vaccine the Cayuga County Health Department has received so far.

For those who have attended our clinics this week, we have faced issues with the State system that we are required to use. That has caused us to have to switch to paper record, which has slowed the clinic. Our staff and those attending clinics have made adjustments and accommodations when the technology has not worked and we thank everyone for their understanding and patience. New York State continues to work on enhancing their system to prevent these malfunctions.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose vaccination, with a minimum of at least 28 days between each dose. Moving forward, second dose vaccination appointments will be available. We have not made those appointments in advance for two reasons. One is that we may need to move our clinic location and the other reason is that all of this is based on vaccine supply. Those who have come to our clinics will be notified when second dose appointments become available. We anticipate communicating the second dose schedule through the email address provided to us at your registration. For people without email, we will reach out to you by telephone, please remain patient.

Plans are in development for the Health Department and City of Auburn to create mobile vaccine clinics that will focus on senior residential sites, special populations and rural areas of our county. This is an important facet of access to health care equity that we are sensitive to and work to reasonably address. When plans are finalized we will be communicating that out to those sites and communities.

For those who have not yet been able to schedule an appointment to our clinic for the first dose, we appreciate your patience. The Cayuga County Health Department has placed an order for more vaccine and when we receive our shipment more clinics will be scheduled. Cayuga County is in the process of updating our webpage for more accessible COVID-19 information. Keep revisiting our website at cayugacounty.us/health and you will see the refresh when it is posted.

In the interim, it is important to remember qualifying individuals can legally access vaccine by appointment only, at any delivery site offering it, like an approved pharmacy or state operated site. New York State has established a website page and a hotline phone number to assist with this information sharing.



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To identify if you currently qualify to receive vaccination NYS has set us the “Am I Eligible?” website: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>.

For seniors or others without access to websites you can call the New York State vaccination appointment line. Anticipate being on hold a long time as the phone line is overwhelmed. The number to call is 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

Finally, we want to acknowledge the incredible community partnerships that have supported the county-wide COVID-19 response efforts since the beginning and even more actively during the tremendous undertaking of distributing vaccine. County entities, City of Auburn entities, Auburn Community Hospital, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, and many other agencies and individuals continue to work to serve all of us in the most effective and efficient manner possible. We shall continue to do so. We are all in this together.
