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Ontario County Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Residents Are Asked for Patience As They Wait For Their Dose

Canandaigua, NY – January 11, 2021 Ontario County officials today updated the public on their continuing COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts. To date, the County has received a very limited supply of vaccines which have already been administered to Category 1A individuals or will be administered this week to qualifying 1A and 1B populations.

The announcement by Governor Cuomo on Friday that those individuals in Category 1B are now eligible for vaccination has created numerous challenges for Ontario County and Local Health Departments across the state. Ongoing vaccine supply chain issues, coupled with uncertainty on delivery dates and quantities make vaccine distribution planning extremely difficult.

“At this time, Ontario County would like to ensure the public that we are working tirelessly to administer the limited vaccine doses we have on hand immediately, and we will continue to get vaccine to the qualifying populations in the most efficient manner

possible,” said County Administrator Chris DeBolt. “As the quantity of available vaccine doses increases and we begin to have some confidence in delivery amounts and timing from the State, the County will communicate with stakeholder groups and the general public to notify them of vaccination opportunities. “

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been a stressful and exhausting experience for everyone. While we understand that many residents would like to receive the vaccine immediately, the County does not have the doses to do so. Right now, we are asking for the public’s patience as we work with our state and regional partners to gain additional information and certainty on future vaccine deliveries and schedule vaccine distribution events for qualifying categories of residents,” urged Ontario County Public Health Director Mary Beer.

County officials indicated they are participating in daily meetings with the Regional Vaccine Hub as well as regular meetings of the Finger Lakes Control Room to help coordinate vaccine efforts across the region and advocate for the residents of Ontario County. Residents are urged to visit the Governor’s phased vaccine distribution website at: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> for eligibility and additional information.

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