



THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Dear Mayors and Commissioners,

Since the Town of North Hempstead declared a State of Emergency back in March of 2020, I have made it a top priority to ensure that Town residents remain informed about the latest COVID-19 updates. Recently, there has been a whirlwind of news related to the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, as numerous groups are now eligible to receive it here in New York State, and there are a number of vaccine options available to the public.

I am emailing you today to give you the most up-to-date information as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and the vaccine distribution process.

Vaccine Eligibility

Groups currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in New York State include the following:

- Members of the health care sector
- Teachers and education workers
- First responders
- Public safety workers
- Public transit workers
- New York State residents 65 years of age and older
- Restaurant and grocery store workers
- Taxi drivers
- Residents with developmental disabilities
- Residents with comorbidities and underlying conditions.

While many groups of people are now eligible for the vaccine, the demand is currently more than the supply. Please be patient when trying to schedule an appointment. For a comprehensive list of eligible groups in New York, visit the New York State Website at [Phased Distribution of the Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](#)

How to Schedule an Appointment for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

- Click [here](#) for appointments at Walgreens (65+ priority Group)
- Click [here](#) for appointments at Northwell Health
- Click [here](#) for appointments at CVS

- To make an appointment at Jones Beach and other vaccination sites, call the New York State hotline at: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX

For more information about making an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, we recommend visiting the Nassau County website at [COVID-19 Vaccine Information | Nassau County, NY - Official Website](#) or the New York State website at [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](#)

Project Independence Transportation

To help facilitate vaccine distribution, the Town of North Hempstead and Project Independence have expanded our transportation initiative to include the areas outside of North Hempstead including the Northport VA Medical Center and Long Island University Post, Nassau University Medical Center and Nassau Community College, which are all vaccination sites in our area. Project Independence members with vaccination appointments should call 311 to schedule a ride.

Vaccines Currently Available to the Public

- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
 - Requires two doses, to be administered 21 days apart.
- Moderna vaccine
 - Requires two doses, to be administered 28 days apart.

This past weekend the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted emergency use authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine based on CDC guidance. This will be a single-dose shot and is to be delivered to states this week.

Additional information and updates about vaccines can be found on the CDC website here: [Different COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

While the Town is not involved in the prioritization or distribution of the vaccine, we will certainly continue to provide you and all of our residents with updates and information as we receive it from Governor Cuomo and New York State. Residents can also visit our website at [northhempsteadny.gov/vaccine](#) that includes links and helpful information from the State and the County.

This pandemic is an ongoing battle and wearing a mask and properly social distancing are necessary to keep everyone safe and protected. We appreciate everyone's diligence in doing their part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 during this vaccine distribution period. As always, please be smart and stay safe.

Regards,
Judi