



COVID-19 COMMUNICATION



COVID-19 Vaccination Update

A message to all CMH team members from John Alexander, MD, MHCM, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, CMH

I'm happy to report that our second day of vaccine clinics was a success. We have now administered the COVID-19 vaccine to 235 frontline team members -- quite an accomplishment!

We had initially anticipated vaccinating 25 team members for our soft launch yesterday and were able to vaccinate 74 team members. Today, we vaccinated 161 team members. We are able to offer the vaccine quickly to more people than we originally thought for a number of reasons.

The overfill in Pfizer vials allow us to safely draw one and, in rare cases, two additional doses from each vial. More important, however, is that the hard work and skill of our Central Maine Healthcare team members -- including volunteers (#heroes) putting in long hours to support this effort.

At current staffing levels, we have been able to increase the number of appointments for each 30-minute time slot from 7 people to 10 people. We're updating the sessions in iCare to reflect this development. A big shoutout to IT for their work on this system!

We are wrapping up the vaccination of Phase 1 team members and rolling out the next phases soon. The next phases will consist of the approximately 1,500 remaining team members who work in clinical settings. We are working on the sequence for those team members now.

The next clinics are scheduled for the following days and hours on the mezzanine of 60 High St.:

- Friday, Dec. 18: 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 23: 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We are looking for more heroes to help at our clinics. The need is especially urgent for a provider to administer vaccines tomorrow morning (Friday, Dec.18). If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Niki Bryant at bryantni@cmhc.org directly.

Vaccine Administration Needs

Day/Date	Morning Shift	Afternoon Shift
Fri 12/18	5:30a-11:30a	
Mon 12/21		2:30pm - 8pm 2:30pm - 8pm
Tues 12/22		2:30pm - 8pm 2:30pm - 8pm 6:00pm-8:00pm
Wed 12/23	5:30a-11:30a 5:30a-12:00pm	

Registration

Day/Date	Morning Shift	Afternoon Shift
Fri 12/18		
Mon 12/21		2:30pm - 8pm
Tues 12/22		2:30pm - 8pm
Wed 12/23		

We have fielded a number of questions about the vaccination of pregnant and breastfeeding women and hear your concerns. The current recommendation from the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet for the Pfizer vaccine is that anyone who is pregnant or breastfeeding should consult with their healthcare provider before obtaining the vaccine. At this time, Occupational Health is administering the vaccine as recommended under the EUA. Pregnant and nursing women may be able to receive from Occupational Health in the future if the EUA recommendations change or from their healthcare provider as the vaccine becomes more widely available. For more information, read our [vaccine FAQs](#).

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to providing care for the communities we serve through these long, hard months. I am honored to be on this journey with you.

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