



COVID-19 COMMUNICATION



A message to all CMH team members from Jeffrey L. Brickman, FACHE, president and CEO, CMH

We are thrilled that Central Maine Healthcare, in collaboration with our partners, will open a high-volume COVID-19 vaccination site that will have a powerful impact in the fight against the pandemic.

We have been working with the State of Maine, the City of Auburn, the City of Lewiston and others on this critical resource. We will open the site – the first in Androscoggin County – at the Auburn Mall on March 17.

We are also coordinating with Androscoggin County Emergency Management Agency, St. Mary's Health System and Tri-County EMS to ensure that vaccination efforts reach all members of the community.

After a ramp-up period, we will have a goal of vaccinating 1,000 people a day at the Auburn Mall and, if vaccine supplies are sufficient, operating three to five days a week for six months. During that timeframe, the site is expected to administer as many as 145,000 doses if vaccine availability keeps pace.

Our experience with our hospital-based vaccination clinics have prepared us well. We administered, for example, a total of 1,269 doses at Central Maine Medical Center and Bridgton Hospital on Saturday. In all, we have administered **nearly 16,000 doses to more than 10,000 people** to date.

With the opening of Auburn Mall site, we will pivot resources from the clinics at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston to the high-volume site. Community vaccination clinics will continue at Bridgton Hospital and Rumford Hospital.

Vaccination will continue to be by appointment only. Appointments will still be booked through cmhc.org or the Central Maine Healthcare COVID vaccine call center at 207-520-2917.

Kudos to all who have been working so hard to get this site up and running. It will do so much to protect the communities we are privileged to serve.

Stay tuned for more information on this exciting endeavor.

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