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Delaware County's Feb. 25 Update on COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts
The County opens two additional vaccine sites, including a Chester site and a Pfizer clinic in Radnor

Delaware County Government has opened two additional COVID-19 vaccination sites in Chester and in Radnor.

The County, in partnership with Keystone First, and in collaboration with the City of Chester opened the Keystone First Wellness Center in Chester on Feb. 25. With a focus on public health needs for residents in the Chester community, the site, operated by Keystone First began administering Moderna vaccinations on Feb. 25 and will be offering resources for improving overall health and well-being for members of the community at the center in the near future.

The County, in partnership with Penn Medicine will begin administering the Pfizer vaccine on Feb. 26 at Penn Medicine Radnor. People who have already pre-registered for a vaccine through Delaware County Government are eligible to receive a Pfizer vaccine at the new Radnor vaccination site.

The two new locations bring the total number of Delaware County Government vaccination sites to four. The County has resumed vaccinations at its Yeadon Wellness Center and the Aston Community Center. Last week, shipping delays from Moderna and severe weather, impacted the transportation of the vaccine, resulting in a lack of doses to all vaccine providers in the state. As a result, Delaware County Government canceled all vaccine appointments last week.

The County has received 1,000 Moderna vaccines for this week and 2,900 Moderna vaccines for next week. The County also received 1,170 first doses of Pfizer vaccine this week and was able to almost immediately launch a vaccination site at Radnor Penn Medicine to administer the Pfizer vaccine, which requires a different cold-chain storage than the Moderna vaccine and specific training to administer it.

"The County has secured locations, storage, and staffing in order to be ready to quickly open additional vaccination sites when we receive an increased supply," said Delaware County Council Chairman Brian Zidek. "The ability to operate a site within a few days of receiving both the Pfizer vaccine and increased Moderna vaccine is a testament to the preparations that the County's Vaccine Team has made, to the strong partnerships with partners including Penn Medicine, Keystone First, the City of Chester, and Aston Township and to our extremely dedicated and hard-working Medical Reserve Corps."

Those who had their second dose appointments cancelled last week are being rescheduled for Saturday and are being contacted.

People interested in scheduling a vaccine at the Delaware County Wellness Center in Yeadon, the Aston Community Center, the Keystone First Wellness Center in Chester, or at Penn Medicine in Radnor can contact the Delaware County Covid-19 Call Center by email: Covid19Resources@co.delaware.pa.us or by phone: 484-276-2100 or can register online: chesco.seamlessdocs.com/f/delcovac

The vaccines provided by the State are designated specifically for first and second doses by week. The State continues to have a limited supply of vaccine and anticipates the situation to continue for the next several weeks. Based on the supply received each week, the County may have to reschedule appointments. We recognize this may cause frustration and inconvenience for residents. Our goal is to provide the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine within the window as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.)

As of Feb. 25, Delaware County Government has requested 21,370 vaccine doses and received 10,470 doses. Delaware County Government is one of over two dozen vaccine providers in the county. Vaccine doses are sent to vaccine providers by the State. Residents are reminded that the process to register for the COVID-19 vaccine varies by provider and there is not a centralized vaccine registration from the State.

A list of all vaccine providers in Delaware County can be found here: https://www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/covid19/pdf/DelcoCOVID19VaccinationSites.pdf

Currently, there are an estimated 246,680 people in Delaware County who are in Phase 1A and eligible to receive the vaccine. As of Feb. 25, 39,631 people have been vaccinated in Delaware County.

Delaware County Council and the County's Vaccination Team shares the frustration of residents regarding the stalled and limited roll- out of vaccines and have been in constant contact with state and federal officials to advocate for increased vaccine shipments and clearer communications regarding the ongoing status of vaccine production and allocations from the State. The County continues to work with all COVID-19 vaccine partners including hospitals, care homes, pharmacies, and eventually doctors' offices and urgent care facilities to get the vaccine out as quickly as possible. The shortage of vaccine supply nationwide continues to be a hurdle.

A reminder- vaccination efforts for Delaware County are being coordinated through the Chester County Health Department. On March 19, 2020 Delaware County Council and Chester County Commissioners announced the approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, for Chester County to take the lead on Delaware County's COVID-19 public health response. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Chester and Delaware Counties identifies the responsibilities of the Chester County Health Department during the COVID-19 outbreak, which will continue until federal and state partners determine there is no longer a pandemic outbreak. Those responsibilities include coordination of increased testing, case investigation and surveillance, quarantine designations and public health communication.