An Update from the Broward County COVID-19 JIC – February 19, 2021

Broward JIC Snapshot #12: Vaccine Program Continues to Move Forward

KEY TAKEAWAYS

• Florida Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward) has provided 177,285 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to seniors age 65+ and frontline health care workers through February 17, in partnership with Broward County, Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO), municipalities, municipal law enforcement and Fire Rescue/EMS.

• Local officials have already been planning to expand vaccination efforts as soon as local supplies of vaccine increase. With the availability of more vaccine, there may be new vaccination initiatives. These initiatives will be shared as details are made available.

• NEW – FDEM recently concluded a first round of shots to 313 identified Holocaust survivors.

• NEW – The federal government announced a nationwide program to distribute vaccine in up to 2,600 pharmacies nationwide. Ten Walmarts in Broward County are providing COVID-19 Vaccine through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. More...

ON-GOING EFFORTS

Florida counties are required to follow Governor Ron DeSantis’ Executive Order regarding vaccine eligibility, which is still limited to age 65+, frontline healthcare workers, and residents of long term care facilities. In addition, hospitals can vaccinate those that they deem to be vulnerable to COVID-19. The following community efforts continue in Broward County, with the support of DOH-Broward and local partners. Programs may start and stop due to vaccine availability.

1) targeted programs at residential communities catering to older residents (FDEM)
2) vaccinations at local houses of worship in underserved communities (FDEM)
3) outreach to vulnerable seniors 65+ with transportation and/or technology challenges (County, Coral Springs, Davie, Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Pompano Beach, Wilton Manors, Plantation and Broward Municipal Services District)
4) local hospital vaccination programs (generally require the resident to have been a patient of the hospital in the last 12 months) Participating Hospitals

Note: Broward County has not been significantly impacted by the national delay in Moderna vaccine shipments due to recent bad weather.

MESSAGE TO SEASONAL RESIDENTS

While the vaccination program is a national effort, communities that use an appointment system to administer vaccine carefully plan for second dose needs based on the number of first doses administered. If you receive a first dose of vaccine outside of Broward County (e.g. New York), you should remain in or return to that same location for your second dose. This helps ensure all communities across the nation can administer the maximum number of first doses, while ensuring they have sufficient vaccine available for second doses.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

• Anyone scheduled to receive their second dose of vaccine at Vista View should go to Tree Tops Park in Davie instead. Take identification and your appointment card with you.

• Show up for your scheduled appointment ON TIME, but NOT MORE THEN 30 MINUTES EARLY. The site will not run out of vaccine before every patient with a scheduled appointment time receives vaccine. Showing up for your appointment hours ahead of schedule creates long lines and more waiting for everyone.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

Individuals can register for vaccine appointments online at myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-6313 (TTY 833-476-1526). Eligible individuals will be contacted when an appointment is available for them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For DOH-Broward, visit FloridaHealth.gov; call 866-779-6121 or eMail COVID-19@flhealth.gov

For Broward County, visit Broward.org/Coronavirus or call COVID-19 Hotline at 954-357-9500

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