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**Attachments:** News Release\_ DOH-Leon COVID19 Update 01042021 Final.docx; COVID Vaccine Overview for Providers\_Updated\_11.30.20.pdf; COVID Vaccine Flow Chart for Providers\_Updated\_11.30.20.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Members,

There is a ton of information distributed below, please read carefully. Special thank you to each of you who were able to participate in the Leon County and Department of Health (DOH) Call yesterday with Claudia Blackburn regarding the COVID-19 vaccination and the current prioritization and distribution plan. As soon as the recording is available, I can send it to you if you send me an email requesting it, and it will also be linked on our website. Below is a brief summary of the call, and attached is the latest press release from DOH, Leon.

### **Current Vaccination Eligibility:**

[Executive Order 20-315](#) directs DOH to focus on following populations during this initial phase which limits allowable persons to:

- long-term care facility residents and staff,
- persons 65 years of age and older,
- healthcare personnel with direct patient contact.

### **Scheduling:**

The scheduling system for the Dept of Health is not sophisticated and they are working thru requests. There are currently 13,000 vaccination requests though there is no estimate about how many of these may be duplicate requests. Additionally, when you no's request an appointment, you will get an instant pop up reply confirming your request.

If you or someone you know has already requested an appointment, you **do not need to send an additional (second, third, etc.) request**. DOH is working on a backlog of vaccine requests from last Tuesday (December 29th). If you have not yet heard from them, you will as soon as a vaccine is available. There will likely be a delay after the next clinic as they await the arrival of more vaccinations.

**Health Care Providers Only:** Vaccinations are being handled by TMH according to the amount of vaccine available. To request an appointment, the email address is [vaccine@tmh.org](mailto:vaccine@tmh.org). DOH is constantly refining the scheduling program and when a new scheduling tool is available, this one may be shut down to onboard the new one. If you are on the current list, if they move to another format, you will STAY on the list, and as of right now you would not have to reapply.

**For a faster vaccine experience,** complete consent forms before you go:

### **Moderna:**

<http://leon.floridahealth.gov/files/documents/moderna-screen-consent-form.pdf>

### **Pfizer:**

<http://leon.floridahealth.gov/files/documents/pfizer-screen-consent-form.pdf>

**About Vaccination Process:**

Vaccine doses vary. For example, with *Moderna* some vials have 10 vaccines and some have 11. Once a vial is thawed, vaccines must be used in 28 days, however once a single dose is drawn the entire vial **must** be administered within 6 hours. Some medical offices are vaccinating non-medical personnel because of this understanding (i.e. If clinic has 2 vials and 16 people want vaccinated – that leaves 4-5 doses left and they're giving them so they're not wasted).

Additionally, when vaccinated, persons must be observed for 15-30 minutes following dose to be observed by a qualified medical professional for any reactions in the event an epi injection and/or oxygen is necessary. The next shipment scheduled for Florida is *Pfizer* only – there are NO hospitals capable of using it north of Orlando due to the refrigeration requirements, so Leon County will not see any of those.

Nursing homes and assisted living facility vaccinations are being administered solely by CVS and Walgreens – they have the vaccine and their distribution process is separate from what's outlined above through DOH.

**Context for Delays:**

There are 41,000 people in Leon County who are age 65 and older. An initial shipment of 2,500 doses was sent to our County. Vaccines are made by appointment only and will be made as DOH has additional product. They are likely to use up the last this shipment in the coming days but do not worry, they are going to continue to receiving shipments as manufacturers get additional vaccinations to the state. In terms of a second dose, you can only get a second dose of the original vaccine you were given. So, if you get Moderna as the first dose, you can only get a Moderna as the second dose.

**Assistance for Seniors:**

Seniors who are not tech savvy or do not have access to the internet, that is a challenge and they need our help. Please complete your loved ones' forms for them if possible, but know the Senior Center and Elder Care Services will also help them if necessary. New community partner sites will be onboarded soon including churches, when additional vaccinations are available. If your loved one is homebound, there was an amazing advocate for home health care agencies on the call. Eligible home health care workers will be able to vaccinate homebound seniors they serve so long as there is available vaccine product to do so. Pfizer product will be difficult to do outside of the health dept, hospital or institutional setting, however, due to cooling requirements for that medication (-70 degrees to be stored). *To determine eligibility to administer vaccinations, home health care workers must complete all registration procedures via Florida Shots – and then actually get some of the available vaccines (see attachments).*

**Volunteers Needed**

If you are a retired nurse or EMT who can help administer vaccinations, please contact DOH to volunteer. Medical students and nursing students are being utilized to administer doses. If you are a student who is not doing this and wants to, contact the DOH. If you want to volunteer help the DOH make return calls, or help at clinics, please sign up through Volunteer Leon.

Again, frequently asked questions, how to request an appointment, and how to get a follow up appointment found in the attached press release.

Best,  
Amber

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P.S. The US Chamber Foundation is hosting a call tomorrow at 2PM with **Lieutenant General (Ret.) Paul Ostrowski, Operation Warp Speed's head of supply, production and distribution**. He will provide an update on the federal response to the coronavirus pandemic and the steps they're taking to speed the delivery of vaccines and therapeutics to millions of Americans. Registration link is below.



**Tomorrow, January 6**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST**

Join us tomorrow for a special interview with **Lieutenant General (Ret.) Paul Ostrowski, Operation Warp Speed's head of supply, production and distribution**. He will provide an update on the federal response to the coronavirus pandemic and the steps they're taking to speed the delivery of vaccines and therapeutics to millions of Americans.

We'll discuss where things stand with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, the power of public-private partnerships, and how long it will take get most of the country vaccinated against the novel coronavirus.

As the former director of the Army Acquisition Corps, Lt. Gen. Ostrowski will also explain how he's applying his military logistics expertise to increase the speed with which these life-saving innovations reach people across the country.



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Paul  
Ostrowski**  
Operation Warp Speed



**Suzanne Clark**  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the ways business and government are collaborating in the fight against COVID-19. Register now to secure your spot!

**Register Now**



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Anything I missed? I was waiting on the recording to miss what was discussed when I had to hop off, however Allison Tant had a good synopsis.

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