The Seneca County Health Department continues to receive limited amounts of COVID vaccine on a weekly basis which is distributed to the state assigned priority groups. Although the Governor has expanded the list of individuals who can receive the vaccine, eligibility does not mean that the vaccine is available.

We understand that the process of registering for a vaccine can be extremely frustrating and often times fruitless. Here are some recommendations to assist in this process.

1. Go to one of the following links to find locations throughout the region where vaccine clinics are being held and to determine if there are any appointments available:

- <u>https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-tracker</u>
- <u>https://Flvaccinehub.org</u>

Local Health Departments are required to vaccinate individuals who qualify in the 1B priority category. This includes Law Enforcement, teachers, bus drivers, etc. When we have available vaccine for these individuals you will not find a link to these clinics on our website. Instead, the registration links for those clinics are sent directly to those priority groups to register for an appointment.

2. Individuals who are 60 years of age or older should receive their vaccine through the local pharmacies (refer to links above). You can also contact the Seneca County Office for the Aging and request to be placed on a waiting list* to receive the vaccine. You can email <u>afaiola@co.seneca.ny.us</u> or call 315-539-1765.

3. Individuals aged 16-19 with underlying health conditions (or co-morbidities) can contact the Seneca County United Way and request to be placed on a waiting list* to receive the vaccine. You can email <u>uwseneca@uwseneca.org</u> or call 315-670-1042. Seneca County Health Department does not require a letter from your physician sating that you qualify for the vaccine. There is a self-attestation form that you will need to complete and bring to the clinic with you when you have an appointment scheduled.

* These waiting lists will be utilized in the event that the Health Department has "extra doses" of vaccine at the end of a clinic that is being held for one of the priority groups. Being on a waiting list does not mean that you are scheduled for or guaranteed an appointment.

Once vaccine is more readily available, the Health Department hopes to offer vaccination clinics for any resident who would like to be vaccinated. You should continue to check the Health Department website and social media pages for updates and links to schedule an appointment.

- <u>www.senecacountyhealthdepartment.com</u>
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/SenecaCountyHealth/</u>
- Twitter @SenecaCountyDOH