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## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

The Ocean County Health Department has received their first shipment of the Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine and will be opening their vaccination center beginning **Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**. The vaccine will be distributed pending supply to all individuals in the 1A category; **which includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings (hospital and community based), including EMS and long term care residents**. Appointments can be scheduled on their website at [www.ochd.org](http://www.ochd.org) by clicking the scheduling link and a paper registration will also have to be filled out. The vaccine center is located at Toms River High School North/RWJ Barnabas Health Arena at 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, NJ. I expect hopefully local health departments such as ourselves and other outlets will be receiving the vaccine soon and we will deploy it following the same priority set by CDC and NJDOH.

Until the vaccine can be produced in large quantities it is expected that it will first be given to priority groups of people – considered critical populations - who have been identified at high risk of COVID-19.

Currently, Covid-19 vaccines are available to those who are in Category 1A which includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and long-term care residents and staff.

Once vaccine availability expands, essential workers, which fall into Category 1B, will be able to get vaccinated.

The next category of individuals, Category 1C, are adults 65 and over and adults with underlying medical conditions.

After these phases are complete, the general public will be eligible for vaccination.

At this moment, the Long Beach Island Health Department does not have Covid-19 vaccine and is not scheduling appointments or offering a waiting list. When the vaccine becomes available locally to our LBI residents we will release an announcement.

For more updates visit our website @ [lbihealth.com](http://lbihealth.com) & our Facebook page.

To learn more about the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination program visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/8-things.html>

OR

To learn about the NJ Covid-19 Vaccination Plan visit:

[Executive Summary - NJ Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - Revised 12-15-20.pdf \(state.nj.us\)](#)