**2/11/2021 Elected Officials Call Notes**

We will be receiving 700 doses of the vaccine this week and administering these to grocery store employees and P-12 schools. We are providing employers with the link for registration for the Monday clinic on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Pharmacies continue to be the **only** entity that can supply vaccine to the 65+ population in Tompkins County. We received notice that four Kinney's received 100 doses each this week.

The Governor announced that beginning on February 15, local health departments may receive doses of vaccine for those with comorbidities and underlying conditions. If we receive these doses, we will locally prioritize people who are 65+ and have comorbidities.

To-date vaccine doses completed can be found here: <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health#table>

Cornell is still in a yellow zone with just over 20 active cases, IC has 7 and TC3 reports 0.

We continue to work with 2-1-1 and the transportation partners to ensure we will have a system that can help people access the vaccine as more vaccine is available.

We held our first set of office hours for vaccine Q&A this week, one general and one specific for people of color. These are focused on people who many be hesitant or skeptical. We will be posting them to our YouTube page after they air, you can find the first one here. We’ve had 75 members of the public participate so far and have had great questions submitted. <https://youtu.be/DYob-Za6zbI>

Next Wednesday at 5pm we will host another COVID-19 town hall, <https://youtu.be/mlq3BBC8csA>

**There was info put out by GOV about large venues yesterday and allowing events, also something recently about weddings, is there something to look out for on sizes of weddings?**We haven’t seen anything official yet, we’re thinking maybe March.

**Will we be able to do comorbidities through mass vaccination site?**If we get a small amount we may go to facilities, if we get a large amount we may do a mix of that and at the large site.

**Do pharmacies get doses through the state allocation?**Yes, that is a separate allocation from the County’s.

**Faith based groups are working to get a gift card movement going for workers at the testing site. Frank, how can we distribute these?**Please follow up directly with Frank.

**How can folks prove they have an underlying condition?**We will be putting out a press release later today, it is our intent to have an attestation document they sign themselves.

**Is Double Masking a CDC guideline?**This was from a study, it is important to wear a mask correctly, and while double would add protection it’s not an official recommendation.

**What’s the County going to do with it’s own employees about requiring vaccination?**We don’t require any vaccinations. There are fundamental issues with requiring, and we haven’t had a conversation internally.

**There’s some frustration that folks can’t make 2 appointments at the same time for elderly parents, etc.**We recognize this challenge. Unfortunately the State process does not allow for this and our slots go very quickly.

We are looking at alternative methods of registration beyond the website.

**When will people know when comorbidities are available?**We will keep you updated as we have throughout the process.

**Is it restricted to people who live in the County?**There is no residency restriction so far, we imagine that will continue.