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NewsFlash



Information Regarding the Federal Vaccination Program

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In response to questions received from a number of county residents, I asked County Staff to provide additional information regarding the Federal CVS Vaccination Program. Here is the information they provided:

[CVS Health](#) has committed to providing approximately 26,000 vaccine doses to Virginians at select retail stores throughout the state. This new initiative follows CVS' prior vaccination efforts, which were also coordinated by the federal government to vaccinate residents and staff of long-term care facilities (e.g. skilled nursing and assisted living facilities) and select independent living facilities (see **[CVS's own data](#)** on this effort).

Late yesterday, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) informed our Health Department that CVS Pharmacy will start offering COVID-19 vaccine to people aged 65 and over this week in Loudoun. The Health Department was informed that initially, one CVS location in Loudoun

County ([Lansdowne CVS Store #2278](#) at 19305 Ruby Drive, Leesburg) will be offering COVID-19 vaccine on a limited basis. It is expected that approximately 100 appointments will be available each day at this single participating CVS pharmacy in Loudoun (see [CVS Vaccination Portal](#)).

Early this morning, CVS began their “soft launch” of their vaccination program. According to CVS, the program is not slated to “officially” begin until Thursday, February 11. As of this morning, the sole CVS in Loudoun quickly ran out of appointments for the week.

Please note that this new opportunity for COVID-19 vaccine through CVS is completely independent of Virginia vaccination plans. The CVS program falls under a contractual arrangement between the federal government and the CVS Health Corporation and not the state government. CVS will receive its vaccine directly from the federal government. Therefore, the CVS doses are not allocated by the Health Department and do not impact the weekly allocation of vaccine to Loudoun County. VDH and the Loudoun County Health Department are not involved in the administration, or coordination of the CVS vaccination program.

VDH did authorize local health districts to provide a one-time advanced courtesy notice of the option to receive a COVID-19 vaccine from a CVS Pharmacy to vulnerable populations who meet the eligibility criteria (65 and older) late yesterday for the soft launch. In accordance with the VDH’s direction, the Health Department contacted a number of residents last night who are currently on Loudoun’s waitlist night to inform them about the additional option of receiving a vaccine from a Loudoun CVS store and to encourage them to log on to the [CVS Vaccination Portal](#) to seek an appointment, if they so choose. Please note that residents who prefer to receive their vaccination through the county’s vaccination process will not lose their place in the wait list.

The CVS program does not impact the current vaccination efforts by Loudoun County. However, it does provides the public with another potential option for vaccination. Please note that the Health Department continues to work through its waitlist as quickly as

possible. Residents who have registered with the Health Department will be contacted when it is their turn for a vaccination appointment, which is based on [Virginia's eligibility guidelines](#) and the order in which the county received their request for a vaccine.

Coronavirus - We're in it together, we'll get through it together - Tony

Be safe!



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