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Here are the Vaccine Updates:

- The town established vaccine team led by our Director of Health, Ed Briggs is well into the process of working out all logistics. Some towns are taking a different approach, but we feel the best way to serve our community is to make sure we can meet all expectations by being prepared. This means that delivery locations, vaccinators, notification systems and information on how to make appointments are all being established in advance of the rollout.
- Connecticut is in Phase 1a of COVID-19 vaccine distribution, which includes healthcare personnel, long term care residents and first responders at risk of exposure. The State of Connecticut determines the prioritization and timeline for vaccine rollout and will inform the Ridgefield Health Department when doses will be available for each category. A small number of Ridgefield's frontline workers and first responders have begun receiving the vaccine.
- As soon as information is available our Town Website (<u>www.ridgefieldct.org</u>) will be updated with the timeline for delivery as well as instructions on how to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine.
- In order to prepare, residents are encouraged to review how they receive their information. Information will be distributed through local media sources, the town website and through multiple communications partners throughout the town. Please also help those less able to establish a good communications line.
- Residents can do their own advance planning by contacting their health care providers to find out if
 they have underlying health conditions or are immune-compromised or if there are patient specific
 instructions.
- Links to learn more about the vaccines:
 - CT Department of Public Health link re: vaccinations COVID-19 Vaccinations (ct.gov)
 - Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Vaccine Information
 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA): COVID-19 Vaccines

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