

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

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Important links: <u>www.ridgefieldct.org</u> Click on red banner for COVID-19 updates and charts <u>www.ct.gov</u>: For updated statewide information.

Ridgefield, CT – January 25, 2021: Vaccine Updates

First Selectman Rudy Marconi asks residents to fight complacency. "With the unrolling of the vaccine and the onset of COVID fatigue, we are all impatient to return to a normal life. But with winter upon us and a new variant of the virus threatening, this is the time to dig our heels in and take extra precautions. Wear your mask whether vaccinated or not, practice social distancing, avoid crowds and wash your hands often."

- Information about the COVID-19 Vaccines being administered by RVNAhealth in partnership with the Town of Ridgefield:
 - They are intended for State of CT Residents only and the VAMS scheduling system clearly indicates RVNAhealth (CT Residents Only) to avoid user misunderstanding.
 - They are only being administered to the approved phases (currently 1a and 75 and older.) You will be asked to sign an affidavit attesting to your eligibility to receive the vaccine when you arrive for your appointment.
 - Second appointments will be made before leaving the first vaccination appointment location via your smart phone. Volunteers will be on hand to help.
 - Vaccinations are given by appointment only and made through the VAMS system:
 - Go to ridgefieldct.org, click on the red COVID banner, click on the orange eligibility button. Fill out the form to confirm eligibility to sign up.
 - A video outlining a step by step process for VAMS signups is also posted on the town website under the pink button or by clicking this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsRSoaBLF1U&feature=youtu.be
 - A Help Line is now open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: (203) 431-2718 and will be expanded next week.
 - With the bulk of vaccines going to the hospitals, **Ridgefield only receives a limited supply**. Eligible residents (75 and older along and those in Phase 1a) are urged to get vaccinated anywhere they can get an appointment within a reasonable distance. Those who choose to wait for a Ridgefield appointment must cancel their other appointment before they can make a new one and there is no guarantee that another appointment will be available in Ridgefield. Due to limited vaccines, the clinic will only be open on Thursday of this week.
- The Governor has asked that those who have mistakenly made appointments but do not fall into the current category of eligibility to please cancel their appointments and reschedule when their category is allowed.

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