

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> Click on red banner for COVID-19 updates and charts <u>pio@ridgefieldct.org</u>: Email here for questions

RIDGEFIELD, CT: Feb. 12, 2021: Those who need information regarding the vaccination process should contact the Town Helpline at 203-431-2718 (M-F, 9-4), the Department of Social Services at 203-431-2777 (M-F 9-4:30) or Founders Hall at 203-431-7000. (M-F 8:30-4:30). The Ridgefield Library is also helping people to sign up for VAMS, the system that registers people for their shot. "There is so much misinformation on social media. Accurate information is available through our reliable sources," said First Selectman Rudy Marconi. "I'm worried about people being scammed, about people not understanding their second dose timelines, and so much more. If our helpline volunteers don't have an answer for you immediately, be patient. They are fielding many calls and emails, but they will always get back to you as quickly as they can. You can also call my office at 203-431-2774 and we will do our best to get you the answers you need."

- The Vaccination Clinic held at Yanity Gym and sponsored by the Town of Ridgefield in partnership with RVNAhealth has currently been running for four weeks and is vaccinating the phases as outlined by the State of Connecticut. Currently Connecticut is in Phase 1 a with the addition of 65 and older which is the only allowed segment from phase 1 b. No other portions of phase 1b are eligible yet.
- The clinic is by appointment only. There are no walk-ins. Don't stand out in the cold hoping for that last drop because all vials are accounted for at the end of the day.
- Please keep your vaccination card in the safe place. You may be asked for proof of vaccination in the future for any number of reasons, including travel. You will need to bring this card to your second appointment.
- Make sure when you register through VAMS for your first appointment that you are **not registering at a second dose clinic**. Many people have been cancelled due to the fact that they registered at the wrong clinic. **Pay close attention to the location where you register**. In the case of the Town of Ridgefield and RVNAhealth clinic, it will state second dose clinic.
- SAVE YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD ENTRIES. YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR THESE AGAIN.
- Be aware of scams. You will never be asked to pay a fee in order to be put in the vaccination line. No legitimate vaccination clinic will ask you to pay money up front for your vaccine. Do not share photos of your vaccination card, especially on social media where others can capture personal information.
- For those who have tried to get an appointment and don't see one, check back often. Appointments open up, often on the day you are looking. Take an appointment as soon as you can within a reasonable distance, even if it isn't your ideal location.

When you arrive for your first dose: Bring your photo ID, your insurance card, and if you are not in the age group specification, please bring identification that qualifies you in that phase. Police/Fire ID; Health Care ID, etc. Please note: Family member caregivers, are <u>not</u> eligible at this time. If you are self-employed or an independent contractor working as a caregiver for someone outside your home,(*those who are self-employed, independent contractors, or otherwise not affiliated with an employer group, but are eligible for Phase 1b*) you may schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.

• Please bring your vaccination card and plan to save that information for future.

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