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Stafford Residents: COVID-19 Update

This communication is to provide an update on COVID-19 testing and vaccinations in the Town of Stafford. We continue to work closely with State and regional partners, and participate in multiple conference calls each week with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and North Central District Health Department to ensure a voice for the Town of Stafford.

To-date, vaccinations have been administered to First Responders, which include members of our Fire, Ambulance, and Police Departments. Our Department of Public Works was the next expectant group within the First Responders category, but has dropped down on the list to ensure residents 75-years and older were taken care of first.

We are very aware that the web-based Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) may not be user-friendly for residents 75+, is difficult to navigate, and a hurdle in getting this vulnerable group vaccinated. The last conference call indicated that the State is trying to correct these issues on the VAMS site and offer additional, non-web scheduling options. Additionally, during the same call, we volunteered the Town of Stafford as a clinic host site to increase vaccine accessibility to residents – we are still waiting to hear if and when this will take place.

Our goal is to make sure every eligible person who wants a vaccine can receive one as soon as possible. While continuous change is inevitable, constantly readjusting already implemented procedures has been incredibly frustrating. We know you felt similar aggravations throughout the last year. Please know that we are always fighting for you and the Town of Stafford.

We have to adhere to the statewide rollout plan for COVID-19 vaccine phases and eligibility - we are currently in Phase 1b. Eligibility, access, and support to help you get vaccinated against COVID-19 can be found at portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccinations. COVID-19 updates and resources can always be found on the Stafford town website: <http://www.staffordct.org/covid19.php>.

Stay safe and be well Stafford!

Mary Mitta, First Selectman

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