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Seniors/COVID-19 Vaccine Update

1. How can I make an appointment at the Sussex County Vaccination Site?

a. If you qualify, you can make an appointment by clicking "Get Vaccinated" on the Sussex County website at www.sussex.nj.us/covid19.

b. Due to reduced vaccine doses received from the state, the schedule may not be open for additional appointments. Check the website frequently for availability.

2. Will seniors who CANNOT access the internet be able to schedule an appointment?

a. Yes. Seniors who are unable to access the internet can call the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555. Senior Services staff can assist seniors by telephone to register for an appointment to receive the vaccine. While there is no guarantee of an appointment, staff will register seniors should one be available.

b. It is important to remember that appointments are opened weekly as Sussex County learns about the number of doses that will be available.

3. Who is the point of contact for the senior initiative and what type of assistance is available?

The point of contact for the senior initiative is the Sussex County Division of Senior Services. Seniors can receive assistance by telephone to register for an appointment to receive the vaccine by calling the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555.

4. Are there communications/graphics from the county to help deliver this information on websites and other platforms?

The registration link and other helpful information are on the Sussex County COVID-19 website at www.sussex.nj.us/covid19.

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5. Are there smaller vaccination sites in other parts of the county?

Information on other local vaccination sites can be found by clicking "Get Vaccinated" on the Sussex County website at www.sussex.nj.us/covid19.

6. I have signed up for the vaccine through the New Jersey website. They will notify me when I can make an appointment. Is that accurate?

a. The state site will notify you when you meet the criteria to make an appointment. You then need to find out where the vaccine is available and schedule your appointment.

b. If you qualify, you can make an appointment through the Sussex County website as appointments are opened.

7. I want to schedule an appointment to receive my vaccine at the Sussex County Fairgrounds and did not see the site listed by the state?

If you are within a category approved to schedule a vaccination at this time and you wish to register for a vaccine at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, please follow the instructions on the following county link www.sussex.nj.us/covid19 and click "Get vaccinated."

The site will assist you to register with Sussex County for the vaccine and will allow you to schedule the vaccine if openings are available. Please be patient with scheduling and check back regularly.

Sussex County recommends that you continue to monitor both the state site and county site for available openings.

8. I'm not sure if I should be signing up multiple times or just waiting to hear from the state website?

If you live in Sussex County, it is suggested to use the county website at www.sussex.nj.us/covid19. Click on "Get Vaccinated," and you will find several sources where you can make an appointment to be vaccinated.

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9. After I get my first vaccine, can I go to another location for my second vaccine? Assuming I can get the same vaccine.

If you get the first dose of vaccine at the county site, they will schedule you for the second dose, but you are not required to get your second dose with us. You may go to another site if you wish and are able to get an appointment.

10. What if I do not have transportation to receive the COVID-19 vaccination?

Those in need of transportation to vaccination sites located throughout Sussex County can contact Skylands Ride at 973-579-0480 for assistance. Please contact Skylands Ride prior to registering for your COVID-19 vaccination so that transportation can be coordinated with your scheduled vaccination date.



COVID-19 Potential Scams and Awareness

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information.

If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- * HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-447-8477 or www.tips.hhs.gov/covid-19
- * FBI Hotline: 1-800-225-5324 or www.ice3.gov
- * CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-633-4227

For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19 visit:

- www.oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus
- www.fbi.gov/coronavirus
- www.justice.gov/coronavirus

2021 Sussex County VITA Program

NORWESCAP will be offering VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) services again for the upcoming season. No in-person appointments will be offered. Taxpayers will bring their paperwork to be scanned and sent to a preparer and a copy of their return will be sent back to them via mail or email. The drop-off locations have not yet been issued. There is no longer an income limit, but the program cannot prepare a tax return if it involves business or rental income, any return with a Schedule C, or any complex return with numerous capital gains or losses.

The Sussex County VITA Program is made possible by the cooperation of the Internal Revenue Service, United Way of Northern New Jersey, NORWESCAP and the many dedicated volunteers who donate their time and effort each year.

Call 973-862-6680 to schedule an appointment today OR schedule an appointment online at: <https://unitedwayofnorthernnewjersey.acuityscheduling.com/>

Tech Talks for Seniors:

“Getting Answers to Your Cell Phone, iPad or Computer Questions”

Unravel the mysteries of 21st Century technology and get answers to your cell phone, iPad and computer questions that will help you stay in touch with family, loved ones, and others during the COVID pandemic! These hands-on 30 minute technology lessons are taught, via Zoom, by savvy students who volunteer to teach as a community service.

Dates: Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and
Sundays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Starting February 5, 2021 and ending on May 7, 2021

Time: 30 minute lessons
Fee: Free
Location: Zoom

Please call the Sussex County Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1277 to reserve your lesson time.

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