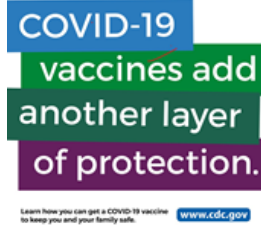


WE CAN DO THIS: VACCINES PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

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Good afternoon,

Currently in Albany County, 74.2% of the population is fully vaccinated and 64.1% of the eligible population is up to date (i.e. received a booster shot). We need your assistance as a medical provider and community leader to reach the remaining eligible residents that are not yet fully vaccinated or up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination.

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) is ready to support your vaccine efforts by connecting you with resources, supplying vaccine through reallocation, and supplementing your vaccine efforts with community clinics.

Providing COVID-19 vaccinations has become much easier over the past six months:

- ◇ Ease of storage and handling of vaccine;
- ◇ Vaccinate on demand (*i.e. when a patient presents in the clinic for an appointment or as a walk-in*) without penalization for responsibly discarding unused doses;
- ◇ Lower order minimums:
 - NYSDOH vaccine order minimums begin at 100 doses;
 - ACDOH will reallocate (transfer) vaccine for orders less than 100 doses.

The following page provides resource links to:

- ◇ Access guidelines to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine;
- ◇ Engage patients effectively;
- ◇ Connect patients to community vaccine clinics.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment as we work together to keep our community safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Whalen".

Elizabeth Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner, Albany County Department of Health



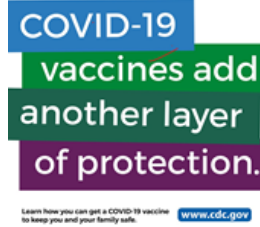
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RESOURCE FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRESS DATA IN ALBANY COUNTY, NY:

- ◇ **COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker:** <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/vaccination-progress-date>
Provides County-level vaccination data based on data reported to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and the New York City Citywide Immunization Registry (NYC CIR) by the providers administering vaccines.
 - **Zip Code Vaccination Data:** <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/zip-code-vaccination-data>
 - **Demographic Vaccination Data:** <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/demographic-vaccination-data>

IDENTIFIED PRIORITY GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES IN ALBANY COUNTY, NY (UPDATED: MARCH 29, 2022):

The age groups and communities noted below have been identified with either a low vaccination rate or a high number of Albany County residents unvaccinated:

- ◇ **Albany County Zip Codes and Populations with Low Vaccination Rates (i.e. <75%)**
 - Children 0-19 years old: 68% (n=24) of the County's zip codes are below 50%
 - Adults 20-34 years old: 62% (n=21) of the County's zip codes are below 75%
 - City of Albany: 12206, 12210
 - Rural Albany County
- ◇ **Albany County Zip Codes with High Number of Residents Unvaccinated (i.e. >4000 individuals)**
Please note that zip codes overlap into neighboring municipalities.
 - City of Albany: 12206, 12208, 12205
 - Town of Colonie: 12205, 12110, 12047
 - City of Cohoes: 12047

RESOURCES FOR ORDERING & ADMINISTERING COVID-19 VACCINE:

- ◇ Visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information-providers> to access:
 - Forms to enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider
 - Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Storage, Handling, & Administration Guidance
 - Instructions for Ordering from the New York State Department of Health



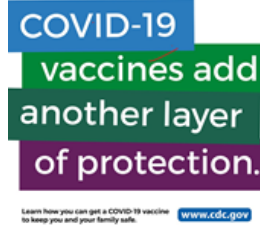
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RESOURCES FOR ORDERING & ADMINISTERING COVID-19 VACCINE (Continued):

- ◇ Submit vaccine order requests less than the NYSDOH minimums (i.e. generally less than 100 doses) to ACDOH via email to Stephanie Notar (stephanie.notar@albanycountyny.gov) with a copy to Tricia Bulatao (tricia.bulatao@albanycountyny.gov) and Shanna Witherspoon (shanna.witherspoon@albanycountyny.gov) with the following information:
 - Point of Contact: name, email, phone number
 - COVID PIN
 - Vaccine Formula
 - Number of Doses Requested

RESOURCES FOR ENGAGING PATIENTS:

- ◇ CDC Website: **Talking with Patients about COVID-19 Vaccination:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/engaging-patients.html>
- ◇ AMA: **COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy: 10 tips for talking with patients:**
<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/covid-19-vaccine-hesitancy-10-tips-talking-patients>
- ◇ Health and Human Services: **Talking Points for Health Care Leaders to Encourage Vaccine Confidence:**
https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/Nurse_Nurses_Leadership%20Talking%20Points_Updated_04.14.2021.pdf

CONNECTING PATIENTS TO COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS:

- ◇ For a listing of regional vaccine sites, visit www.vaccines.gov.
- ◇ Please visit www.albanycounty.com/covidvax for Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics conducted by the Albany County Department of Health.
- ◇ To schedule an appointment at the Albany County Department of Health at 175 Green Street, Albany, call (518) 447-4580. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins will be accepted M-F from 9am to 3pm for pediatric and adult residents.



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