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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Attention: Pamlico County Residents**

We are happy to share the Moderna Vaccine for COVID-19 has been received by the Pamlico County Health Department (PCHD). At this time, the PCHD is the only agency overseeing the delivery of vaccine to Pamlico County residents. Vaccination will proceed according to risk categories or phases defined by the CDC and the NCDHHS. Phases are updated often. The DHHS web site list the latest vaccine information and phases: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>.

The first vaccine doses were given by the Health Department to those in Phase 1a, the health care workers at high risk for COVID-19 due to exposure based on work duties or vital to the initial COVID response in our county. CVS and Walgreen Pharmacies are also vaccinating those in our congregate living facilities. The County Health Department and NCDHHS are assuring those working or serving in jail or prison will receive vaccine.

The County Health Department will be receiving more vaccine at weekly intervals and will oversee the vaccination effort in Pamlico County. In order to receive the vaccine, you must first preregister with the Health Department. The PCHD will formally register you within the State vaccination database, and you will then receive an email from the State DHHS informing you of your vaccination phase. Once you receive this information, you can call the Health Department at 745-5111 to receive an appointment for the vaccine. Currently there is no individual preregistration; you must work through the Health Department.

Currently only **Phase 1b is open for preregistration**. It is divided into 4 Groups.

Group 1 includes persons aged 75 years old or older.

Group 2 includes health care workers not vaccinated in Phase 1a and frontline essential workers 50 years or older

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Group 3 includes health care workers not vaccinated in Phase 1a and frontline essential workers of any age.

Frontline workers are those whose job is essential for the COVID-19 response and who work in a setting that puts them at risk to be exposed to the virus including: first responders, correction officers, food and agricultural workers, US postal service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, education and child care workers.

### **If you are in Phase 1b, PREREGISTER AND GET AN APPOINTMENT NOW**

- 1. Send the following information to: [C19vac@pamlicocounty.org](mailto:C19vac@pamlicocounty.org).**
  - **First and last name**
  - **Your date of birth (writing the month, for example: April 19, 1945)**
  - **Your email (Note: you cannot use a shared email; each individual needs a separate email address)**
- 2. You will then receive an email letter from NCDHHS which will direct you to complete a registration form.**

**Be sure and complete every question or it may delay your registration.**

- 3. Within a short time, usually within a day – you will receive another email from NCDHHS regarding your Phase for vaccination. If you are in Phase 1b, call the Health Department at 252-745-5111 to schedule an appointment for your vaccine.** If you are in a later Phase, wait to call the Health Department until that Phase is open for vaccination.

Once we vaccinate all those eligible for Phase 1b, we will notify the public about Phase 2, who will be included and how-to pre-register, especially if there are changes in the process. The County Website ([www.pamlicocounty.org](http://www.pamlicocounty.org)) and the Pamlico County Emergency Management Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/PamlicoEM>) will continue to share our latest information. Information will also be passed to our local printed media to disseminate to the community.

The Governor's Executive order regarding wearing a mask is still in effect, even after the second dose. NC Public Health Officials will determine when a mask is no longer needed. You will not be immune until several weeks after your second dose AND you may infect others during this period, if you are shedding virus. **In the meantime, remember to practice the 3 Ws!**

If you do not have a computer, or do not know how to set up another email for yourself, try to find a friend, family member or perhaps a church or club member who can help. You can contact the Pamlico County Senior Center at (252) 745-7196 with assistance in finding someone to help you.

We will do our best to make sure that everyone in Pamlico County is able to get vaccinated!

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