

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Vaccines Are Coming!

Vermont expects to receive the first shipment of vaccines this week. These vaccines will be prioritized for health care workers and long-term care residents. Pharmacies contracted to provide COVID-19 vaccines at long-term care facilities may hold their vaccination clinics as early as December 21, 2020.

As of December 11, the Health Department has ordered 5,850 doses. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine manufacturer has reserved an equal number of the second dose. Vaccine requests will be made to the CDC on a weekly basis. The number of vaccine doses each state receives is based on overall U.S. supply and state population.

With a population of 620,000, it will be a while before the vaccine supply is sufficient to offer to all. But even the longest journey starts with a single step, and though small, this is progress!

Vaccine Message from Dr. John Brumstead, President and CEO of UVM Health

While the focus at this moment is on Pfizer's vaccine, additional vaccines from other manufacturers are expected pending regulatory approval. The FDA is considering a vaccine developed by Moderna; like Pfizer's vaccine, Moderna's requires two doses. And clinical trials continue, including the Phase 3 AstraZeneca trial that involves UVM Medical Center, the Vaccine Testing Center at UVM Larner College of Medicine and 170 volunteers from our region, with enrollment ongoing.

Reaching Another Waypoint

COVID totals will reach 6,000 in Vermont, most likely by Wednesday, and the death toll from COVID may hit 100 this week. Daily infections seemed to have settled on 100 + a day. But Vermont continues to hold the line compared to other states, and that's good. With Christmas and New Years on the horizon we can only hope we continue to hold the line.