

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
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### **Fraud Alert**

Areas in the country are experiencing telephone fraud solicitations. The caller claims to represent a company that will get you signed up to receive your COVID-19 vaccination for a fee. THIS IS A FRAUD. There is no company authorized to do COVID-19 vaccination sign-ups and frankly, there are no COVID-19 vaccination sign-ups. If you receive such a solicitation by phone, email, or otherwise ignore it, delete, but don't pay for this "service". It is non-existent.

### **The Regional Outlook**

COVID cases are again on the rise in our area and are pretty significant. For the past week, here they are state-by-state (the difference from the prior week is in parenthesis):

CT- 15,001 (+1,178); MA- 33,210 (+5,296); ME- 3,591 (-33); NH-5,295 (+1,013); NY-98,548 (+19,234)  
RI- 7,063 (+1,692) VT-956 (+594). Pretty sobering statistics. That's 65,116 new cases in New England ALONE in the past week, and that's 9,740 more cases than the previous week.

### **Vaccinations According to Dr Fauci**

Dr. Fauci held a briefing for police chiefs yesterday. The following is a summary of his presentation:

- 75%-80% of the population vaccinated = herd immunity. When this is achieved, things can return to normal. Dr. Fauci *estimates* that this could occur by the start of the 2021 fall National Football League Season (his words). Perhaps September.
- It is unknown how long the vaccination is effective. Probably a year, maybe longer, but this is unknown.
- Expect potential side effects. The first shot (Pfizer and Moderna require two shots) will generally cause a little bit of muscular discomfort in the immediate area of the shot, maybe a little itchiness. The booster shot, 21-28 days later may cause more intense side effects, similar to the shingles booster for those who have had it. Headache, feverish symptoms, chills, feeling of malaise. This will diminish through the second day after the shot. The Doc recommends planning the booster so that the day after you won't need to go to work or perform any critical functions. Plan to rest. This won't happen to everybody, some will have no reaction at all.
- There is a myth regarding the first shot that your immunity will weaken. This is a myth, an urban legend. This will NOT occur. Your immunity to other things will not be compromised.
- Adverse medical events rarely occur 35-40 days beyond the second vaccination.
- Once vaccinated you can still be a carrier and transmit the disease. You can absorb COVID germs in your nose or mucous membranes and can then transmit them even though you don't get sick. Until we reach herd immunity, follow all the current precautions post-vaccination.
- Post vaccination, treat exposure to COVID the same way you do now. Quarantine 7 days plus a negative test or for 10-14 days without a test.

- There is a concern that has been experienced elsewhere of people “jumping the line” - that is showing up for a vaccination claiming to be in the 1-A group when they are not. There are also concerns over the security of vaccine storage with stolen vaccine being sold on the black market.
- If you have multiple employees getting vaccinated, stagger them so that post-vaccination adverse reactions don't cause a disruption of business.

So folks, masks and hand washing and social distancing will be with us for a while. But the end is in sight. Don't call the hospital or doctors offices or the Health Department to sign up. Everyone will get their turn.