

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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BULLETIN UPDATE #2

We've received a number of calls during the day about the trials and tribulation of registering for your vaccine. So I tried it and was able to get right through, though I'm not actually registering for the vaccine. But I thought I'd take a walk down that winding, pitfall strewn path and report out:

Here are the step-by-step directions:

1. Go to this website:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

2. About ¼ of the way down the page there is a blue bar that reads "MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET THE COVID 19 VACCINE" Click on this panel.

3. The next page has a black bar along the top. In this bar is on the top right is the word "LOGIN". If you have an account number from having previously registered for testing, click on "LOGIN". There is no need to fill out the form in the middle of the screen if you already have LOGIN credentials. If you do not have LOGIN credentials, fill out the form on this screen and follow the instructions from there. It may take a while after registering for LOGIN information to get an email with your login. It will come, but probably not right away.

So let's continue as though you have your LOGIN information.

4. You may be asked to create a new password if you haven't logged in in a while. So go to the bottom of the form and create a new password – must be 10 elements with at least one letter, a number, a symbol. The form spells out the instructions. Then re-type your new password in the next space. You may want to save the password someplace secure.

5. You then go to the consent page.. It will have 3 lines, one for the privacy notice, one for the vaccine and one for testing. Underneath this is a certification box. Read the certification and click in the box, a check mark will appear in the box. Then scroll down and click on "NEXT".

6. A screen pops up with all your information. Check for accuracy. If it's okay you get yet another certification box. Read this and click in the little box, then go down to the bottom and click on "SUBMIT".

7. Almost there! The next screen has two blue bars. Click on the one for "SCHEDULE VACCINE APPOINTMENT". You're getting the hang of it by now, so follow the instructions from here as far as selecting a vaccine site and other information they solicit. Exasperating, perhaps, but at least a big flaming face in the middle of the screen isn't demanding you go get the broom of the wicked witch of the west!

WARNING- We are hearing of people being asked for credit card information. You may be asked for healthcare provider information. There should be no reason to submit credit card information. Make

sure you are on the VDH site, the easiest way is to click on the website link we've provided. Registering may sometimes be frustrating – a lot of people are using the system – but it's the lesser of two evils when considering that COVID is much worse than an agonizing wait for registration.

Phone Registration

There will be times you can't get through. This is day one. Adjustments will be made. About 49,000 people are making an effort to register, vaccine supply is limited, so vaccinations will have to be spread out as the supply comes. This will take perhaps 6 weeks.

Group 1-A

Group 1-A (first responders, health care) is done. Anyone in that group who did not get a vaccination will have to wait for their age band. The effort now has moved to age 75+, and then 70+, then 65+, then those with at-risk health conditions, and then after all that, the general population.