

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Information for Group 1-A

In spite of a report we received last week, those in group 1-A who have not received their vaccine may still register to receive it. Group 1-A will be on-going simultaneously with the other groups. This is to ensure health care and first responders, due to new hires and those who didn't get in on the first run, can be vaccinated.

First Responder COVID Tests

On Wednesday between noon and 12:30, time has been reserved for 1st responders- police, firefighters, EMS, to receive COVID tests. There is no need to register. Even if you've started with the vaccine process, it's good to get tested. Keep in mind this vaccine is new, and though extensively tested, it is still only 95% effective + or -. A good idea to get tested, if for nothing else, a baseline to know that at a certain point you were or were not infected. The testing site is at the Rec Center on Creek Road, Middlebury.

Johnson and Johnson

Reports came out that the J&J single dose vaccine is only showing 66% efficacy. Right now, there has been no emergency use authorization for it. The State of CT, for one, is considering using the J&J vaccine, if authorized, on younger members of the population who are less at risk of death and saving the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for those at higher risk of death. No announcement yet from Vermont on allotment or deployment of that vaccine. And speaking of CT, we learned today that certain counties in the state have been deemed "high risk" due to the higher rate of COVID positives.

Vaccination Status

Over 30,000 people age 75+ have now registered for the COVID vaccine. AHS hopes that the age groups will be completed by late spring/ early summer. Of course this is dependent on supply and federal allotment.

The Days Get Longer, the Cold Gets Stronger

So sayeth the Old Farmers Almanac. We have everything to look forward to as days get brighter and longer. In the Celtic World February 1st is the day of new awakening- more light, the new lambs, and the coming of spring. We have a new administration pledging to strengthen us against COVID, vaccines are rolling out. To end the week on a brighter note and to help foster a spirit of hope, we put together this little musical break for you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qdxua5leVRM>