

Town of Middlebury  
Emergency Management Bulletin  
March 16, 2021

**Hope...**

*Over hill over dale, they have hit the dusty trail, COVID Vaccines are marching along...*

My apologies to the U.S. Army for that one. An increase in vaccine allotment is underway.

The increase will be about 800 additional doses next week through the Federal allotment to VDH; more are coming to CVS and Walgreens through the Federal Pharmacy program. The 60-64 age band should start with registrations soon.

VDH and Porter Hospital are running 4 clinics a week in Middlebury at the Legion Post on Boardman Street. Next week VDH is administering 300 1<sup>st</sup> doses on Tuesday and 300 2<sup>nd</sup> doses on Thursday; Porter is administering 204 1<sup>st</sup> doses on Wednesday and 204 on Friday as well as 150 2<sup>nd</sup> doses on Wednesday and the same number on Friday., and continuing at this pace beyond next week. That's 708 1<sup>st</sup> doses and 600 second doses at this one location in Middlebury. This doesn't include Kinney drugs and Walgreens. In the meantime CVS will be adding more stores, by this weekend Barre, Morrisville, and Bennington are taking registrations for shots, with more coming soon. Statewide we're up to between 5,000 and 7,000 shots a day. Middlebury school staff is undergoing vaccinations this week .

Incredible logistics to pull this off. Thank you VDH, Thank you VTANG, Thank you EMS, Thank you Porter Hospital, and thank you to all those other knights in gowns, masks and nitrile gloves who make slaying the COVID dragon possible. An undertaking that would have been unheard of a year ago.

**In The Meantime...**

Infections in Addison County keep rolling up, 100 new ones in the past 14 days. Statewide, the mean age for infections is now down to 32 years of age. Which says something. As the elder among us get vaccinated, the younger ones are still getting exposed. Which reminds one of a 1970's Cat Stevens song:

*Oh very young what will you leave us this time  
There'll never be a better chance to change your mind  
And if you want this world to see a better day  
Will you carry the words of love with you...  
...Oh very young, what will you leave us this time  
You're only dancin' on this earth for a short while  
Oh very young, what will you leave us this time*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP6B9HttRI8>

Considering the mean age of 32 and COVID affecting Missisquoi and Essex hockey teams, the best thing the young can do is recognize the hazard of COVID and mask up, stay socially distant, wash hands. COVID is like a demented version of Uncle Sam pointing its bony finger at you saying "I WANT YOU". Oh very young, protect yourselves and your families, this is an awful disease.

## **End Game?**

Not everyone wants a vaccine. But for those who do, the target date is still May 1 for everyone to register with all those who want vaccines in Vermont to get them before July 4...that's 2021. That's a mere 110 days from now. Hang in there guys, if our COVID effort was on the golf course, we'd be on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole right now with the clubhouse just beyond the last bunker.

## **Health Survey**

UVMHN Porter Hospital, Five-Town Health Alliance, Addison County Home Health and Hospice and other providers are working to deliver the best possible services to our community. To that end they are seeking input.

This is the last week to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. This survey is critical in supporting our residents and developing a healthy and flourishing community for all. This information will be used to better understand your needs (healthcare, mental health, childcare, schools, dental care, senior care, hunger, etc) and how we can all work together to improve overall quality of life. Please take 15 minutes to complete the survey and help us help you, and the community we serve!

The survey will remain open until **MARCH 20th** and we are encouraging individuals 18 and older, and families to respond to the survey!

**Link to English survey:** [surveymonkeys.com/r/86PSH65](https://surveymonkeys.com/r/86PSH65)

**Enlace a la encuesta en español:** [surveymonkeys.com/r/86PSH65?lang=es](https://surveymonkeys.com/r/86PSH65?lang=es)