



## **LVHN Provides Community Vaccination Update**

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (Jan. 13, 2021) – Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is providing this vaccine update following changes in federal vaccine eligibility guidelines and after receiving countless inquiries from community members and organizations throughout the region. LVHN enthusiastically welcomes the potential to vaccinate more community members sooner than initially expected.

We will monitor federal and state vaccine guidelines and will work hard to use vaccine as quickly as possible. On Tuesday alone, LVHN vaccinated more than 3,200 people and is ready to vaccinate even more if vaccine supply permits.

The fastest way for community members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is to either enroll in or update their MyLVHN account. Once you are registered, we will send you a message via MyLVHN when you are eligible to schedule your vaccination. Scheduling your vaccination will take very little time when you use MyLVHN.

LVHN has extensive mass immunization experience, hosting drive-through flu shot clinics for nearly two decades, where we have vaccinated as many as 8,000 people in one day. We will apply that experience to large-scale drive-through COVID-19 vaccine events throughout the region, to supplement our existing vaccination locations. As we continue our preparation for expanding LVHN's vaccination program, the tents for COVID-19 mass immunization are now in place at Dorney Park in Lehigh County, with operations to start on appropriate groups as soon as we have sufficient vaccine and the go-ahead from the State. Other sites in Northampton and Monroe Counties will soon be established in coordination with local Health Bureaus and authorities. An appointment will be needed to receive the vaccine. We expect to vaccinate at least 5,000 people per day when we have adequate vaccine supply.

LVHN pledges to use as much vaccine as is humanly possible each week based on the supply we receive and any potential weather interruptions. Please activate and/or double check your MyLVHN account so that when it is your turn, you can schedule quickly and easily from a computer or mobile device.

Our COVID vaccine hotline is also available at 484-884-1767.

We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Here's everything you need to know.

- The LVHN plan for administering COVID-19 vaccines is determined by the [Pennsylvania Department of Health's phased approach to vaccination](#). Vaccine supply is limited in the early stage of distribution.
- MyLVHN is your path to vaccination. The first step you can take is to [enroll in MyLVHN](#) if you don't already have an account. Everyone with a MyLVHN account will be preregistered for a COVID-19 vaccine. MyLVHN is a free, secure, easy-to-use patient portal that connects you with your personal health information. You do not need to be a current patient of LVHN, Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) or Coordinated Health to open a MyLVHN account. Learn more at [LVHN.org/MyLVHN](#). If you already have an account, make sure all your information is up to date (log in and click "Menu," "Account Settings," and then edit your personal information). You'll receive a notification when it's your turn to get vaccinated and you are able to schedule your appointment through MyLVHN.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. We are administering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. While you will not be able to choose which vaccine you will receive, both have been proven safe and effective. After providing two months of safety from ongoing Phase 3 trials, Pfizer and Moderna were granted Emergency Use Authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Data show that [Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is 95 percent effective](#) in preventing COVID-19 while [Moderna's vaccine has shown to be 94.5 percent effective](#).
- Your vaccine will be FREE. [LVHN will offer free COVID-19 vaccinations](#) to the community when supply becomes available.

Even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, we will need to continue to wear masks, wash hands frequently and stay socially distant until the majority of our community is vaccinated. For more details about vaccines, visit [LVHN.org/vaccines](#).

Lehigh Valley Health Network includes eight hospital campuses, three in Allentown, one in Bethlehem, one in East Stroudsburg, one in Hazleton and two in Pottsville, Pa.; Coordinated Health, which includes two hospital campuses, nearly two dozen multispecialty locations

including ambulatory surgery centers and orthopedic injury centers in northeastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey; 26 health centers; numerous primary and specialty care physician practices; 20 ExpressCARE locations including the area's only Children's ExpressCARE; pharmacy, imaging, home health, rehabilitation and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred. Specialty care includes: trauma care for adults and children, burn care at the Regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, orthopedics, neurology, complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and robotic surgery in 10 specialties. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute and Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence physicians provide the most advanced treatments. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute is a member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Alliance, an initiative that helps community providers improve the quality of cancer care and offers access to MSK clinical trials. Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, the community's only children's hospital, provides care in more than 30 specialties and general pediatrics. Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest is ranked as the region's #1 hospital for seven straight years and has been recognized among Pennsylvania's top six hospitals for seven consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report. Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg are the region's only Magnet® hospitals for nursing excellence. Additional information is available by visiting LVHN.org or following us on Facebook and Twitter.

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