



COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

Dec. 18, 2020

Housekeeping

- Your microphones have been muted
- This meeting is being recorded and will be made available by tomorrow morning
- Submit your questions via the chat feature
- Hold questions until Q & A session

Agenda

- Welcome
- Vaccine Information (a review)
- Vaccine Distribution Plan
- Q&A
- Conclusion

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Vaccine Information

A Quick Review

Many Vaccines are in Development

- Pfizer – approved by FDA for emergency use
Moderna – status update



mRNA vaccines

- NOT new technology
- NOT live virus
- NOT affecting DNA



Study Results: Pfizer

43,500+ study participants

Reported 95% efficacy at 7 days after second vaccination

- 170 cases of COVID-19 observed in trial
 - 162 infections among the placebo group
 - 8 infections among the group that received the two-dose vaccine
- 10 cases of severe COVID-19 infection among participants
 - 9 severe infections among the placebo group
 - 1 severe infection among the vaccine-treated group

This suggests the vaccine may prevent not only mild cases, but also the type of serious disease that leads patients to die or be hospitalized.

Study Results: Moderna

30,000+ study participants

Reported 94.1% efficacy

- 196 cases of COVID-19 observed in trial
 - 185 infections among the placebo group
 - 11 infections among the vaccinated drug group
- 30 cases of severe COVID-19 infection among participants
 - All 30 severe infections were among the placebo group

No cases of severe disease occurred in the vaccinated group.

Reactions / Undesirable Effects

Resolve within a few days

Pain at injection site

- Up to 80%, mild or moderate

“Common Reactions”

At least 1 in 10

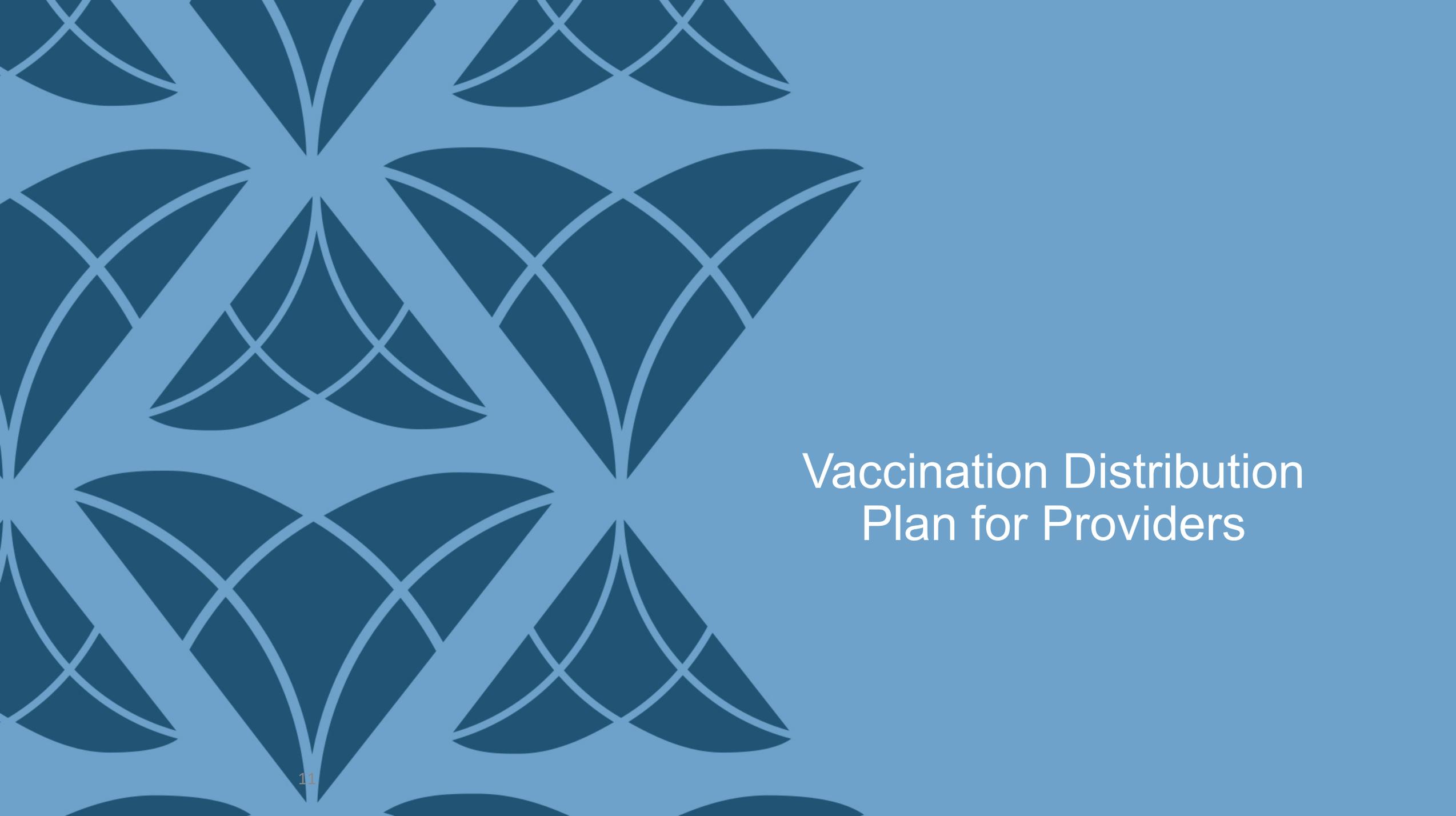
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Myalgia/muscle aches
- Chills
- Fever

May be more prominent after second injection.

Bamlanivimab monoclonal antibody

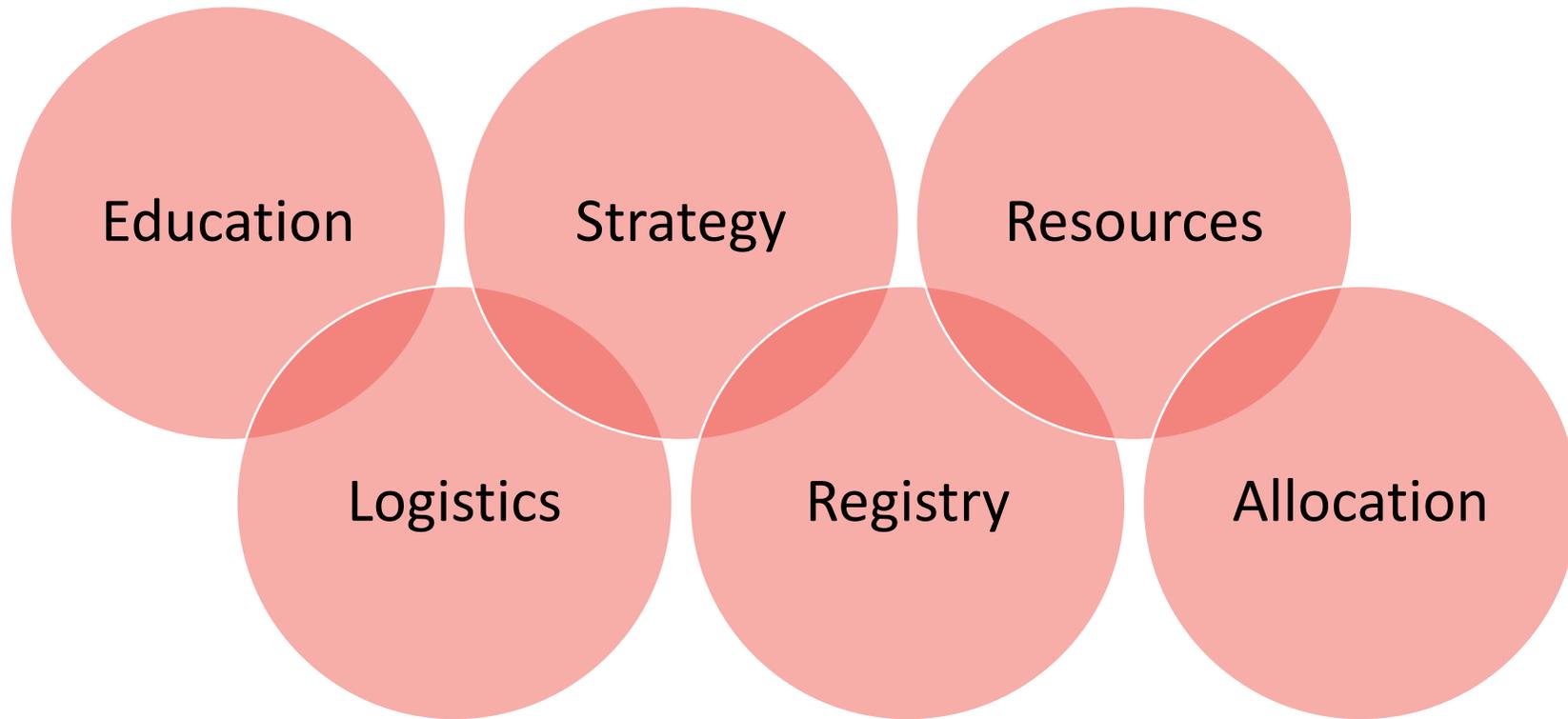
- Emergency Use Authorization granted on 11/9/20
- Used to treat mild to moderate COVID in patients
 - High risk for hospitalization or progressing to severe case
 - Comorbidities - BMI \geq 35, diabetes, CKD, immune suppressed
 - \geq 65 y.o.
 - \geq 55 y.o. with CVD, HTN, COPD

• **REFERRAL HOTLINE: 856-325-3150**



Vaccination Distribution Plan for Providers

Vaccination Steering Committee



Vaccine Distribution Update

- Approximately 3500 doses of Pfizer vaccine received on 12/17/20.
- We anticipate receiving a similar distribution during weeks 2 and 3, followed by an even larger number of vaccines beginning in week 4 to account for the ability to administer the 2nd dose of vaccine to colleges who were vaccinated in week 1.
- Plan will be to increase the number of locations in the coming weeks.
- All providers should register for a MyChart account, although not having a MyChart account will not stop you from being vaccinated.
- Vaccination appointments for providers will be made through the Access Center via phone or email.
- Goal: to have everyone vaccinated by end of January

What do I need to know about getting vaccinated?

- COVID-19 vaccinations are **voluntary**, and if an individual chooses not to be vaccinated initially, he or she will likely have the ability to be vaccinated later in the schedule.
- There will be **scheduling windows** for medical staff and providers. The scheduling windows have been prioritized at the Virtua system level, based on an assessment of the overall COVID-acquisition risk.
- The first priority group (referred to as high priority level 1) includes: providers working in the **ED and critical care areas**, as well as all **hospitalist** providers, **infectious disease** specialists, **anesthesiologists**, **CRNAs**, **Urgent Care and Testing Center** personnel.

What Do I Need to Know?

- We followed the guidance of the CDC and the New Jersey DOH to determine the priority for vaccination of our first level of health care employees—departments and groups at highest risk for exposure to COVID among front line workers and providers.
- All remaining providers are in the second group for scheduling vaccinations. Beginning on Wednesday, Dec. 23, clinicians can begin the scheduling process.
 - There are many appointments open and there will be thousands of doses of vaccine available over the next two weeks.
 - We will have enough to vaccinate everyone and to complete the second injection as well.
- We anticipate a self-scheduling platform will be active by Dec. 23.
 - If it is not ready, you will be able to use Virtua's Access Center to schedule your appointments.
 - Please watch your email for communication about this and other details.
- When an individual is scheduled for vaccination through the Access Center process described below, he/she automatically will be **scheduled for the second dose exactly 21 days after the first appointment**.
- *Note: Virtua is **not** prioritizing colleagues or providers for early vaccination slots based on individual risk factors, such as age or immunocompromised status or other personal situations (e.g., caring for sick family member in the home); everyone in the same role/department will have equal priority access during the applicable priority window.*

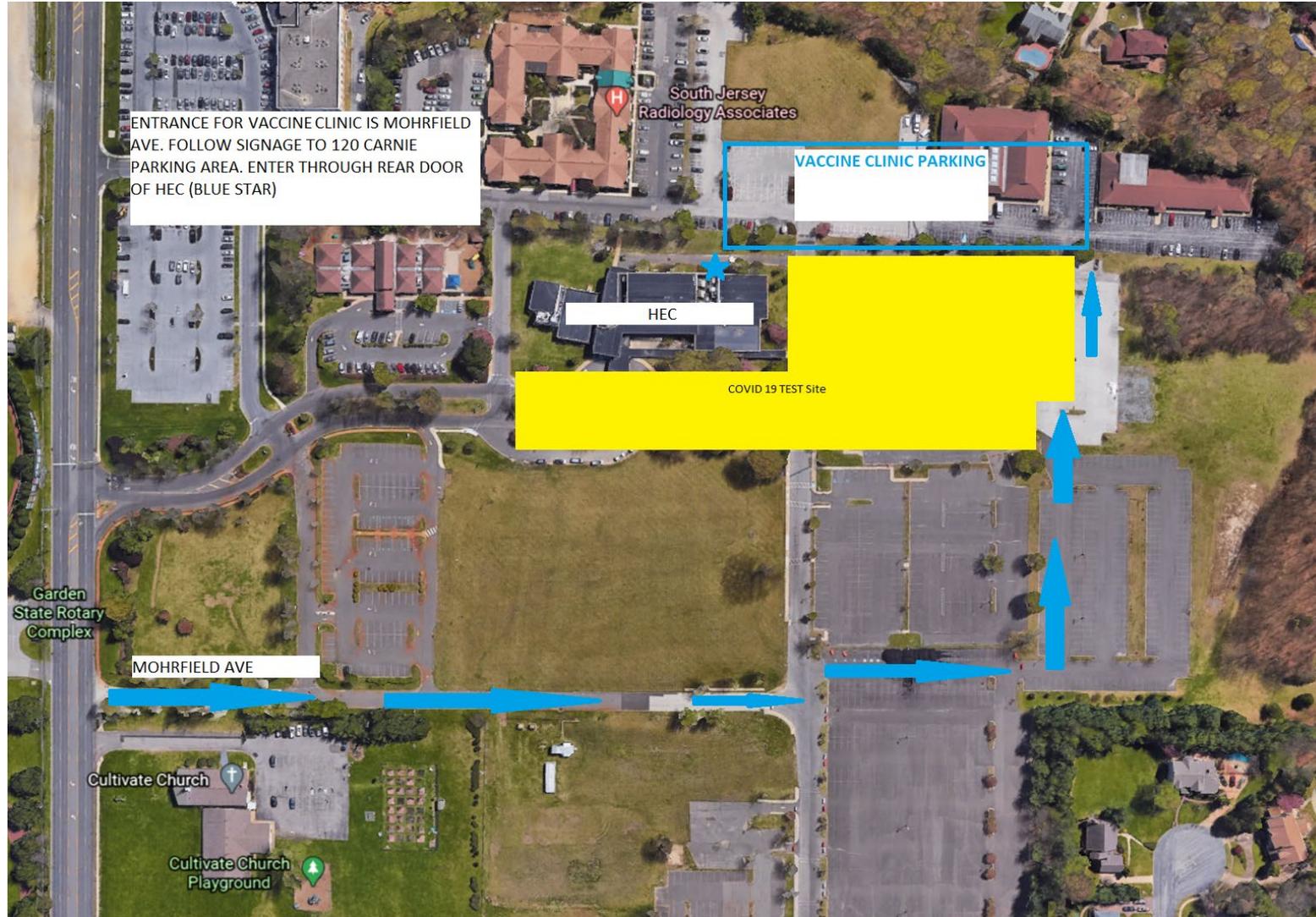
Process to Schedule

- When deciding on a day to schedule, individuals should consider their work schedule and should **attempt to schedule when off work for at least one day and ideally two days after vaccination.**
- The Access Center has created the following email address and phone support for medical staff and providers:
 - **E-mail option:** covidvaccine@virtua.org
 - **Include: Name, DOB, mobile phone number, email used in MyChart, and your preferred date and time**
 - **Phone option:** (856) 325-3300
 - ****dedicated medical staff phone hours will be available between 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.***
- Individuals will receive an appointment confirmation through MyChart. (MyChart tutorial at <https://www.virtua.org/patient-tools/personalhealthrecord>)

Logistics and Procedure

- You will receive your vaccine at the **Virtua Barry B. Brown Health Education Center** (the HEC) in Voorhees. This building is located behind the Virtua William G. Rohrer Fitness Center.
106 Carnie Boulevard
Voorhees, NJ 08043
- **Be aware this location is an active drive-thru COVID-19 testing center as well as vaccination center.**
- To avoid any confusion with those receiving testing, please **enter the campus through Mohrfield Drive** and follow the signs for the vaccination clinic. You will likely park in the rear of the building. Continue to follow the signs to ensure you enter through the correct door.
- Open 7 days a week (except Christmas & New Year's Day)

HEC Location



Pre-vaccination Instructions

IMPORTANT!

1. If you had a known high-risk COVID-19 exposure (e.g., you were not wearing a mask when you were exposed) in the 14 days prior to your scheduled vaccination date, you **SHOULD NOT** receive the vaccine.
 - Cancel your appointment and reschedule for a later date.
2. If you own a thermometer, take your temperature at home the day before and the day of your vaccination appointment. If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, you **SHOULD NOT** receive the vaccine at this time.
 - Cancel your appointment and reschedule for a later date.
 - In addition, obtain a COVID-19 test in order to determine if you have the coronavirus.
3. If you are currently exhibiting other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell), you **SHOULD NOT** receive the vaccine at this time.
 - Cancel your appointment and reschedule for a later date.
 - In addition, obtain a COVID-19 test in order to determine if you have the coronavirus.
4. If you have a history of anaphylaxis to vaccines or severe hypersensitivity reactions to vaccines or injectable medicines, speak to your Health Care Provider in advance of your vaccination appointment.
 - Prior to your appointment, please inform the Virtua vaccination team by calling 856-325-3300.
 - Note: Anaphylaxis to foods or other oral medications does not preclude you from receiving the vaccine.

On the Day of Your Appointment

IMPORTANT!

- Arrive early so that we can remain on schedule throughout the day. Please wait in your car until your scheduled appointment time.
- A Virtua colleague will take your temperature upon arrival. If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, you will be asked to reschedule your vaccination appointment for another date.
- You must wear a **facemask** to your appointment. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided to you.
- It is also requested that you wear **eye protection** (e.g., goggles or face shields) to your appointment.
- Wear clothes that allow the vaccinator to have easy access to your upper arm.
- Wear your Virtua badge if you have one.
- The COVID-19 vaccine requires all recipients to remain under observation for at least 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine. Please allow for this time in your schedule.

Post-vaccination

- Observation for 15 minutes post vaccination (30 min for history of anaphylaxis)
- Monitor your health after receiving the vaccine. It is possible you may experience some reactions or “side effects.” Experts believe this is an indication that the vaccine is working.
- If you develop any symptoms, please compare them to the Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers that you received.
 - If you have concerns about your symptoms, call your HCP.
 - If you have a fever, consider taking Tylenol. (If you are pregnant, could be pregnant, or are breastfeeding, consult your HCP.)
- More Severe Symptoms:
 - If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 immediately. Do not delay medical intervention.
 - If you develop symptoms affecting your ability to work or to perform the functions of your job:
 1. Call the Colleague COVID-19 Hotline (**609-444-2828**) should your vaccination symptoms persist beyond 24 hours.
 2. Call the Colleague COVID-19 Hotline (**609-444-2828**) as soon as possible if you have symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell that might be more indicative of COVID-19 rather than related to vaccination.

IMPORTANT!

Next steps

- Remember that you will need two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Mark this date on your calendar and make any necessary accommodations in your schedule.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect all vaccine recipients. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should not alter your safety behaviors. Please continue to practice social distancing AND wear a mask both at work and in the community.**

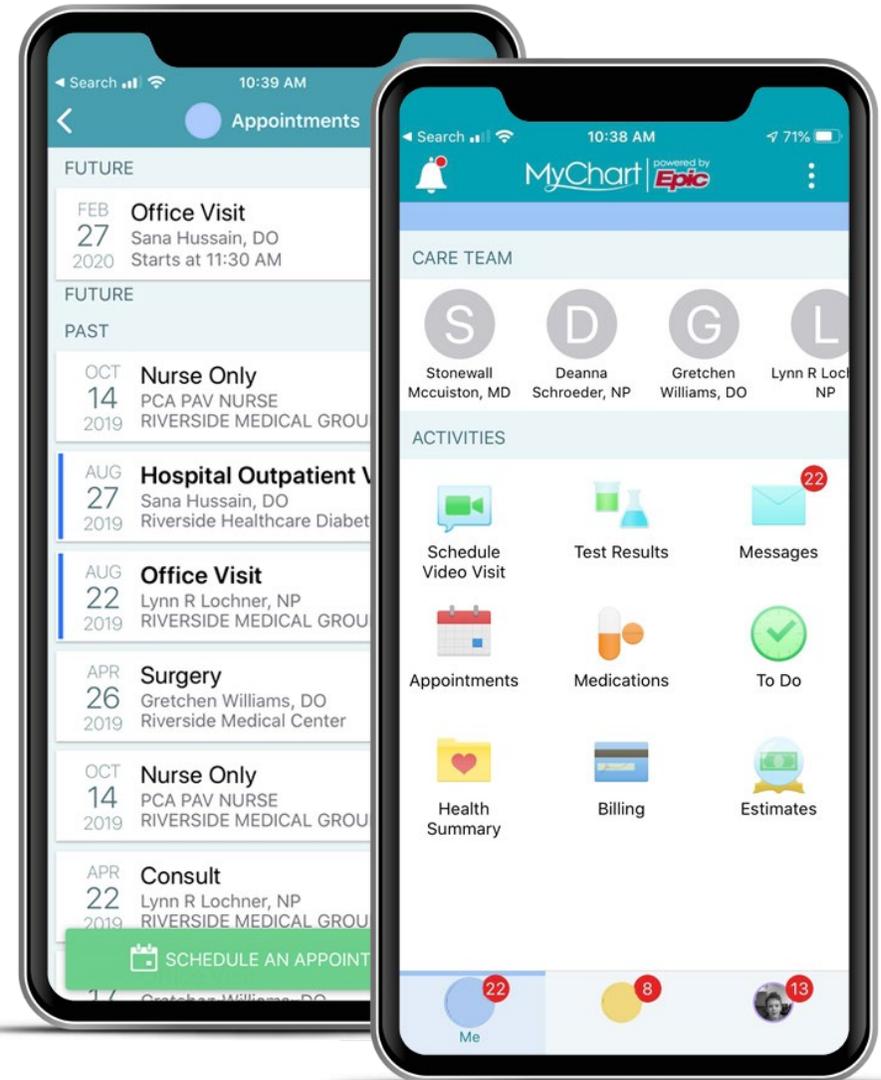
Sign Up for MyChart

Issues? MyChart Support:
856-246-4113

Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat./Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



MyChart
Personal Health Record



Read All Email Communications

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Coronavirus Update

Rising to the Challenge Together



Questions about the Coronavirus Vaccine?

The federal government has been working since the pandemic started to get one or more COVID-19 vaccines available as soon as possible. There are several vaccines under investigation, and some of them have advanced to large-scale clinical trials.



Clinician Update November 19, 2020

Wave 2 COVID-19 Response

Virtua held a special webinar last night to help clinicians navigate the response to Wave 2. The discussion involved the sharing of latest numbers and trends; screening, treatment, and safety protocols; testing options; emotional support resources; and more. Over 300 clinicians attended.

Some of the highlights:

- Dr. Andy Cohen discussed trends...

Consult the VINE and Digital 411 Regularly

Visit the [Vaccination Information Hub](#) on the Virtua VINE.

Look for FAQs, fact sheets, videos, and operational updates in the days/weeks ahead.



Q&A - Chat