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Delaware County's Feb. 19 Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts

There has been a significant decrease in COVID-19 vaccine supply to all Pennsylvania vaccine providers, including to Delaware County Government. Shipping delays from Moderna and severe weather, which impacts the transportation of the vaccine, have resulted in a lack of doses to all vaccine providers.

As of Friday, Feb. 19, the County has not received any vaccine for this week. As a result, Delaware County Government must cancel all second-dose vaccine appointments scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20.

People who are scheduled to receive a second dose on Feb. 20 will be contacted by email or phone to reschedule their appointment when vaccine delivery from the State has been confirmed. Those scheduled to receive a second dose after Feb. 20 will also be contacted to possibly adjust their appointment **if necessary**. Call takers at the Delaware County COVID-19 Call Center can NOT reschedule appointments. Please remain patient and you will be contacted if your appointment needs to be rescheduled.

Our goal is to provide the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine within the 28-42 day window as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.) Our ability to reschedule is dependent on the supply.

Delaware County Council and the County's Vaccination Team shares the frustration of residents regarding the stalled and limited roll-out of vaccines and has been in constant contact with state and federal officials to advocate for increased vaccine shipments and for clearer communications regarding the ongoing status of vaccine production and allocations from the State. To date, Delaware County Government has requested 14,400 doses from the State and has received just 5,400 doses.

The County has secured the locations, storage, and staffing to do large scale community vaccinations and has the ability to vaccinate 10,000 people a week. The County has two vaccination sites that are up and running in Aston and Yeadon. Two additional sites in Chester and Springfield had to be placed on hold because of the lack of supply. There are thousands of staff and volunteers who are trained and ready. Simply put—we are ready, we just need the vaccines. County Council has been working with local legislators to advocate for more doses for our county.

The County is also actively seeking out partners and locations to open vaccine clinics using the Pfizer vaccine, which requires a different cold-chain storage than the Moderna vaccine and specific training to administer it.