

Warren County Receives First COVID-19

Warren County Receives First COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Warren County has received its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccination doses, which will be used to inoculate healthcare workers.

The County has received a limited supply but is expecting NJ Department of Health to send more in January. “Warren County has received a small dosage of Moderna vaccine as part of the first wave of distribution,” said Freeholder James R. Kern II, liaison for health and public safety. “We will be following state and federal guidance to help vaccinate those fighting the virus on the front lines. As such, we will be targeting EMS personnel and school nurses who serve in our county to be vaccinated first by county staff,” Kern said. “We are excited to finally begin vaccinating our healthcare workers. Over the next several months, COVID-19 vaccination will be the Health Department’s top priority and we will put every resource we can toward making vaccine available to our community as quickly as we are able,” Warren County Health Officer Pete Summers said. Kern noted that the county Public Safety Department has been working with local agencies to make sure it has an accurate lists of those personnel who wish to receive the vaccine.

“Rest assured we will continue to fight for more dosages for the county, our hospitals, and private partners,” Kern said. The county Health Department will notify emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and school nurses directly through their squads and schools with information on how to schedule an appointment. Summers said he expects that private providers including pharmacies and hospitals will be joining this effort. The county will provide information on when these sources will be available as soon as possible, he said.

Meanwhile, COVID testing is available at a drive-thru testing site sponsored by Warren County in conjunction with St. Luke’s University Healthcare Network at St. Luke’s Belvidere Health Center on Route 519, and through other providers as well. A list of testing options is available on the county government website at

www.co.warren.nj.us/Healthdept/WCCOVIDTestingSite.html.