Who is eligible for the Covid Vaccine?

- On 1/12/21, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New Yorkers who are 65 or older are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, "effective immediately."
- The federal government has said people 65 and older and the immunocompromised should be eligible to be vaccinated. Cuomo said New York state will follow that guidance.
- To determine if you are eligible for the Covid Vaccine, click the “New York Covid-19 Vaccine” link: New York | Covid-19 Vaccine (ny.gov)
  o Upon clicking the link, you will see the message below:

  "If you are eligible, we will show how you can schedule an appointment to get the vaccine. AN APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED. IF YOU VISIT A PROVIDER WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A VACCINE. To find out if you may be eligible, click Get Started below."

- If the website deems that you are not eligible, you will not be able to access the scheduler or vaccination sites/telephone numbers
- You MUST have an appointment to receive a vaccine; no walk-ins

Scheduling Your Appointment

- When you complete the eligibility screening at New York | Covid-19 Vaccine (ny.gov), a list of vaccination sites in your region will appear on the screen.
- You will choose which vaccination site in your region is the best option for you.
- When you select the vaccination site, a phone number will appear on the screen.
- Write down the number and double check that all the digits have been correctly copied before exiting the website.
- CALL, CALL, CALL & KEEP CALLING UNTIL YOU GET THROUGH
  o The call volume is exceptionally high for vaccines —Be PERSISTANT.
- Didn’t get through the first 50 times? KEEP CALLING. DON’T GIVE UP!
- Make Note: the waiting time to get an appointment is most often 12-14 weeks.
- Getting your vaccination will be worth the effort…but it will be some effort.

Questions:

Call NYS Covid-19 Vaccination Hotline 1-833-697-4829