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Dear Staff and Community Members,

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, our nation has reached a critical moment in the fight as mass vaccinations have arrived. In New York State the vaccinations will be administered through a structured process. The Franklin County Department of Health began delivering the first doses in our County this week based on a phased approach developed by the New York State Department of Health.

In phase 1A, our school nurses were able to receive the first dose of the vaccine which requires two doses. In Phase 1B, teachers and educational workers will be eligible for the vaccinations.

Below are the phases that have been outlined by New York State Department of Health:

Eligible New Yorkers in Phase 1A:

- High-risk hospital workers (emergency room workers, ICU staff and Pulmonary Department staff)
- Residents and staff at nursing homes and other congregate care facilities
- Federally Qualified Health Center employees
- EMS workers
- Coroners, medical examiners and certain funeral workers
- Staff and residents at OPWDD, OMH and OASAS facilities
- Urgent Care providers
- Individuals administering COVID-19 vaccines, including local health department staff

Eligible New Yorkers in Phase 1B

Following vaccinations for the health care sector, New York will move to Phase 1B of the distribution, which will include:

- Teachers and education workers
- First responders
- Public safety workers
- Public transit workers
- People 75 and older

Although vaccinations have begun to be administered we must still be vigilant with safety protocols. Therefore, I want to remind everyone to please wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands as much as possible.

Additional information on the COVID-19 vaccination process can be found at [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](#).

Dr. Harper