

From: Elizabeth Martin
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To: Living Resources Employees
Subject: Have a heart, do YOUR part!



Dear Colleagues –

As we enter phase 1A of Covid-19 vaccinations, vaccines are available for staff members who have routine direct contact with individuals (e.g. Residential, Day Programs, Com Hab, Employment, ASP). We strongly encourage all staff that qualify to get vaccinated. Vaccines are still limited and as Direct Care Support Professionals, you have been given a priority to get your vaccine during this phase. Please take advantage of this availability.

If you would like us to assist you in receiving a vaccine, please contact Bryce Zielinski at bzielinski@livingresources.org for further information. However, you do not need to go through Living Resources to receive your vaccine. You can schedule your own appointment at various locations online by completing an online application and they will direct you vaccine locations: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>.

Additional vaccination appointment sites can be found below.

- <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50500086> Albany County
- <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50500052> Columbia County
- <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50500092> Schenectady County
- <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50500093> Westchester County
- <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50500525> Saratoga County

Hometown Health Center at 1044 State Street, Schenectady is also accepting appointments, please be sure to bring completed paperwork and your work ID badge is required:

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50501188>

When you receive your vaccine, you will receive documentation confirming you have received the vaccine. It is important that our HR Department receive a copy of your vaccination documentation. Please forward a copy of your vaccination documentation to Sarah Phoenix at sphoenix@livingresources.org or fax to 518-730-0017. **As an incentive to encourage your participation, once you submit confirmation of your vaccination, hourly employees will be compensated for two hours of work and will receive a \$10 gift card to Stewart's.**



Working together,
we are stronger than
COVID- 19

“Everyone knows that I HATE NEEDLES!
If I could get the shot, you can get the shot!”
~ Living Resources nurse Adele Cramer



I know that you may have questions regarding the vaccine and its administration. Below is a list of resources that offer responses to many frequently asked questions including:

- If I already had Covid-19 should I still get a vaccine?
- Can someone get Covid-19 from the vaccine?
- Why is a vaccine needed if social distancing and wearing masks prevent the virus from spreading?
- Answers to these and much more can be found at the following:

Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/vaccines/vaccines-faq>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

U.S. Food Drug Administration (FDA): <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>

WebMD: <https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20201216/covid-19-vaccines-101-faq>

Because it will take time for our community to have enough people vaccinated to achieve “herd immunity,” it is vital that for now – even if you get vaccinated - you continue standard COVID-19 infection control protocols:

- **Wear your facemask, covering both your mouth and nose**
- **wash your hands and/or disinfect frequently**
- **maintain social distancing when possible.**

 **Have a heart and do your part to protect your family, those you care for, and each other!**

Elizabeth Martin, CEO