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Carteret County COVID-19 COVID-19 Vaccine Update Press Release #99

Carteret County, NC – On Thursday January 14, 2021, NCDHHS updated the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Tomorrow January 15, 2021, the Carteret County Health Department will begin taking requests to be placed on the vaccine appointment waiting list for those persons in Group 2, who are 65 years and older and wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Those individuals who are 75 years of age or older and are currently listed on the vaccine appointment waiting list will be prioritized first to receive vaccine appointments as vaccines become available. The Health Department will notify individuals once vaccine appointments become available.

Request to be placed on the waiting list can be made online at www.carteretcountync.gov/Vaccine or by phone 252-728-8550 (option 2). We expect a large volume of calls from the 65 and over population. The County set up a call center earlier this week to assist in the calls requesting to be placed on the waiting list.

Please understand that the waiting list currently has over 4,000 individuals waiting for a vaccine appointment. The demand for vaccines far outweighs the amount of vaccines the County has received. Please do not call to check your status on the waitlist as this will hinder others from being able to contact us to be placed on the list. The Health Department will exhaust all their current vaccine doses this week and is working in conjunction with Carteret Health Care to assist in administering their doses to individuals on the list.

At this time, the Health Department will not be vaccinating persons outside of the revised NCDHHS Group 1 and Group 2 due to limited vaccines. It will likely take weeks to ensure individuals in these groups have received their vaccination. We ask for the public's patience as we navigate this vaccination rollout. Rest assured you have a spot. To learn just where you fall in the NCDHHS vaccination plan, visit YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

As the State approves for other Groups to be vaccinated, the Health Department will post information on the County website and Facebook pages, in addition to sending out press releases. For more information on the North Carolina vaccine distribution process, please visit: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>.

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