There are many people in our Town 75 years of age and more who are experiencing challenges scheduling an appointment to receive the COVID 19 vaccination. Deep River is lucky to have a group of volunteers who are reaching out to those eligible people that we are aware of, but we are bound to miss some, and it is essential that our seniors get vaccinated before the next phase begins. Please reach out to family and friends to help, or to ask for help, with registration.

HOW DO I GET VACCINATED?

While there are several ways to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated, you can go through VAMS, through a Health Care Provider, through Nutmeg Pharmacy, or through CVS.

 If you are 75 years of age or older and cannot make an appointment using a computer you may do so by telephone. Please call 877-918-2224. This option is available Monday - Friday from 8am – 8pm. You can also call 211 for information and assistance.

You can also try the following link to find a provider that offers phone scheduling:
https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older
You can click on a blue bar that reads: "click here to find provider that offers phone scheduling"

To make an appointment through Nutmeg Pharmacy, register on their website at https://www.nutmegpharmacy.com/covid19-vaccine or call them directly at 860-767-1389 or 860-345-3607.

Use the following links to search and schedule an appointment through Health Care Providers around the state:
- Yale New Haven Health - https://covidvaccine.ynhh.org/
- UCONN Health - https://health.uconn.edu/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/
- Hartford Health Care - https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/vaccine
- Middlesex Health - https://middlesexhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-information/covid-19-vaccine

CVS is offering vaccinations at several locations across the state, Waterford being the closest to home. Use this link to register there: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine

To make an appointment for the OLD SAYBROOK clinic, you must be registered in VAMS* and have your own email account. Completing the registration in VAMS may take several days while the system verifies your eligibility, so it is important to begin as soon as possible.

• VAMS stands for Vaccine Administration Management System.
• This is the government's preferred method for you to schedule an appointment.
• To use this method, you MUST create a VAMS Account to get vaccinated.
• Click this link to create a VAMS Account, and then follow the instructions provided:
https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine
• A unique email account for each person registering is required to use the VAMS System
• VAMS appointments are only being provided to those 75 and older.

• When searching for an appointment on VAMS, try searching Old Saybrook (06475) – There might be open appointments! (Again these appointments are currently only for anyone 75 or older).

 • You MUST be registered in VAMS to schedule an appointment at CRAHD's Vaccination Clinic!

SOME VAMS TIPS:

• Registering through VAMS is a multi-step process.

• There will be up to a 12 hour delay between account verification emails.

 • This process can be frustrating and difficult. Be calm, ask for help, or offer to help that special 75+ person in your life.

• If you are registering for a loved one or a friend, do NOT use your own email address! Instead, create a unique email address for them. You will need your email address when it is time for you to register yourself for a vaccine!

• If you already have a VAMS account, refresh your browser several times to view the appointment times for OLD SAYBROOK. If you are having difficulties, call them at 860-661-3300.

Here is the link to the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Website for additional information: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older

If you still need assistance, please call us at the Town Hall (860-526-6020 x 1) and we will arrange for someone to work with you to obtain an appointment.

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors who are 75 and over!

Be safe, be well, be kind
Peace
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