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FAYETTE COUNTY LAUNCHES HOMEBOUND VACCINATION INITIATIVE

Uniontown, PA – The Fayette County COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce is set to launch its latest initiative to vaccinate homebound citizens.

The initiative will allow the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency, as well as various EMS partner providers, to administer the vaccine to homebound citizens who are elderly, mentally ill or infirmed.

EMS will travel to residents' locations to administer both first and second doses of secured Moderna vaccine via appointment, vastly expanding the county's successful vaccination program.

The task force is currently coordinating with the Fayette County Area of Agency on Aging, Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration, Chestnut Ridge Counseling and various home hospice groups to generate a list of homebound residents who cannot travel to receive the vaccine.

Fayette County EMA is also working with Fayette County Housing Authority and its property managers to reach those citizens located in public housing, who are otherwise unable to travel to a task force clinic, partner hospital or pharmacy for their vaccinations.

The process is simple: If you are a homebound citizen, you may be contacted by the aforementioned groups. After providing the entity with all necessary information, the Fayette County COVID-19 Taskforce will then contact you to schedule your appointment.

Citizens may also contact the task force directly to be added to the homebound schedule. Please call the task force phone bank at 724-430-3900 or visit the online registry at www.fayettecountypa.org.

Once on the website, select the yellow COVID-19 tab and "Individual Registration" from the dropdown menu. On the registration form, there is now an option to select if you are homebound.

Additionally, if you are physically able to travel but do not have transportation, you may contact the Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT) office to arrange for transportation to one of the county task force clinics. Call FACT at 724-628-7433 for more information, as the cost of transportation can be covered in many cases.

Please note that there is no charge for the vaccine.

Last month, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced its own initiative to vaccinate targeted industry workers, as well as accelerate the vaccination timetable for those in Phases 1B, 1C and 2. Under the new state guidelines, all Pennsylvanians will be eligible to schedule vaccination appointments beginning April 19.

For more information about the Fayette County COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce, its homebound initiative or latest eligibility expansion details, visit www.fayettecountypa.org.

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