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To Whom It May Concern,

The State has expanded COVID-19 vaccination eligibility in a phased approach since the COVID-19 vaccination program commenced on December 15, 2020. As new groups become eligible, I am writing to request your assistance. **Please share this important information about COVID-19 vaccination access to all those who are newly eligible to the best of your ability.**

As of March 29, 2021, these groups are eligible to be vaccinated (*italicized groups are newly eligible*):

- Paid and unpaid healthcare workers
- Residents and workers of long-term care facilities
- Residents and workers of high-risk congregate care facilities
- First responders including sworn law enforcement and fire professionals
- Individuals aged 65 and older
- Individuals aged 16-64 that have certain medical conditions
- Pre-K to 12 educators and staff
- Childcare workers in licensed and registered settings
- Transportation workers
- Public safety workers
- Migrant farm workers
- Members of tribal communities
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals living in shelters, including domestic violence shelters
- *Food production, agriculture, and food distribution workers*
- *Elder care and support workers*
- *Warehousing and logistics workers*
- *Social services support staff*
- *Elections personnel*
- *Hospitality workers*
- *Medical supply chain workers*
- *Postal and shipping service workers*
- *Clergy*
- *Judicial system workers*

The State requests your assistance to share key information that helps to ensure an equitable and efficient COVID-19 vaccination program. I ask for your help with the following four actions:

1. Inform those who are eligible to register for COVID-19 vaccination:

- *Schedule directly with an open vaccination site:* visit covid19.nj.gov/vaccine to view a [list of open vaccination sites](#) and their contact information, and register for an appointment
- *Register for an appointment via the State scheduling system:* register to get notified when you are eligible for the vaccine, and again when an appointment is available to you through the [New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System \(NJVSS\)](#)

- *Register, schedule, or seek assistance via phone:* Call the New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center at [855-568-0545](tel:855-568-0545) (various languages available, including Spanish)

2. Encourage your community to stay up-to-date:

- Learn the latest from the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub at covid19.nj.gov/vaccine
- Read the latest from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- Subscribe to *Vax Matters*, the weekly newsletter issued by the New Jersey Department of Health focused on key updates regarding COVID-19 vaccination in New Jersey:
<https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/vmsignup.shtml>

3. Share factual and reliable information:

- Follow @NJGov, @GovMurphy, and @NJDeptofHealth on social media
 - @NJDeptofHealth [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)
 - @NJGov [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)
 - @GovMurphy [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)
- Visit covid19.nj.gov for information on the State's COVID-19 response
- Watch videos about the vaccine from top healthcare providers at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccinevideos>

4. Continue public health best practices:

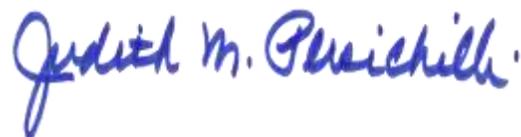
- Thank you for continuing to wear masks, physically distancing, practicing hand hygiene, and following public health guidance and directives for everyone's safety.
- Sign-up to fight COVID-19 by downloading the COVID Alert NJ App:
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/app>

We are trying to reach as many people who are eligible as possible and ensure equitable access to vaccination appointments. You may receive this message more than once – I apologize for this inconvenience.

Please also note that scheduling and availability of appointments is subject to vaccine supply. We request your patience during scheduling as more vaccines become available.

Your help is critical in ensuring a successful COVID-19 vaccination program. The State of New Jersey appreciates your support.

Sincerely,



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