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Middlesex County expands COVID-19 vaccine accessibility

Booking a vaccine appointment is easy and convenient; walk-in appointments beginning May 13

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ – As the nationwide roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine continues and supply increases steadily, Middlesex County is encouraging residents wishing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to schedule an appointment today. As part of a larger expansion of accessibility to COVID-19 vaccines, the County is now utilizing its own scheduling system, allowing individuals to select available dates, times, and locations of their vaccine appointment for clinics beginning May 10. Also, starting May 13, the County will welcome walk-ins at select clinics with no appointment needed. Middlesex County residents can visit <u>www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vaccine</u> to book their appointments and for more details.

"Always prioritizing convenience and user-friendly services to residents, Middlesex County is now making it easier to secure a COVID-19 vaccine appointment," said **Ronald G. Rios, County Commissioner Director.** "We are now at a stage in our vaccination efforts to ensure that all our residents have greater access to vaccine clinics. The new scheduling system available on the County website allows for direct reservation of appointments, giving greater flexibility to our residents."

In addition to this scheduling system to book appointments directly, the County is planning to enhance its vaccination program by expanding hours of operation at clinics to include evening and weekend hours, offering walk-in appointments, creating pop-up vaccine clinics, and vaccinating hard-to-reach, vulnerable populations including homebound populations. "We encourage all residents who have registered for a vaccine and have not yet been able to reserve their first appointment, to visit the County's new vaccine scheduling portal to book a vaccine appointment now or drop by starting May 13 for a walk-in appointment," **said Shanti Narra, County Commissioner and Chair of Public Safety & Health Committee**. "Getting vaccinated is a major step forward in helping to end this health crisis— it not only protects our residents but their loved ones as well from serious COVID-19 disease."

Schedule of Week of May 10th COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Middlesex County:

Monday, May 10 Middlesex County Office of Health Services 1 Ericsson Drive, Piscataway 3 - 7 pm

- Tuesday, May 11Epic Church International2707 Main Street Extension, Sayreville10 am 1:30 pm
- Thursday, May 13 Middlesex County Office of Health Services 1 Ericsson Drive, Piscataway 3 - 7 pm
- Friday, May 14Epic Church International2707 Main Street Extension, Sayreville10 am 1:30 pm

The Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick 10 am - 1 pm

Residents can visit <u>www.middlesexcountynj.gov/vaccine</u> for more information about this new schedule-based platform and instructions on how to book an appointment for the <u>Moderna</u> <u>vaccine</u>, which is offered at all eight County-operated vaccination sites. All Middlesex County vaccination sites are open to <u>Middlesex County residents only</u>, and the Moderna vaccine is only available to <u>individuals 18 years and older</u>.