

Vaccine Update

COVID 19 Vaccine– February 12, 2021

The following Vaccine Update is being provided to Old Saybrook Citizens from the Old Saybrook Emergency Operation Center.

I'm 65 or Older - How Do I Get Vaccinated?

We Have VAMS Appointments Available THIS WEEK

at the Old Saybrook Vaccination Clinic for People 65+ Years Old!!

There are several ways to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated.

Here are the ways....

Through **VAMS** or Through a **Health Care Provider** or by calling **211** or by calling **OSPD***!

VAMS

- 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, 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 65 and older.
- When searching for an appointment on VAMS try searching Old Saybrook – We might have open appointments! (Again these appointments are for anyone 65 or older at this time)

You MUST be registered in VAMS to schedule an appointment at our 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.
- We have found some of our elderly friends finding the process frustrating and difficult.
- Offer to help that special 65+ person in your life out! Do this for them!
- If you are registering for a loved one or friend – **create a unique email address for them.** You will need your email address when it is time for you to register for a vaccine in the future!

VAMS appointments are available this

Wednesday & Thursday

Health Care Providers

Yale New Haven Health

- Use this link to search and schedule an appointment through 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>

- Here is the link to the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Website for additional information.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>

At CVS

- CVS stores in Waterford and Putnam – ONLY – are scheduling appointments for Healthcare Workers and those over 65 Years of Age.
- Find information on CVS's Webpage:

<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?icid=cvs-home-hero1-banner-1-link2-coronavirus-vaccine#statetool>

By Phone 211

- If you are 65 or older and cannot make an appointment using a computer you may do so by phone. Please call 211 OR 877-918-2224.
- This option is available Monday – Friday from 8AM-4PM.

By Phone - The Old Saybrook Police Department*

- For Old Saybrook Residents who are 65+ years of Age and **have no means to create a VAMS Account** - Just call the Old Saybrook Police Department. We will take care of it for you!
- We will take some information from you and then call you back in a few days to schedule your appointment for you! No worries – No Stress! We got you covered!
- **If you have the means to create your own VAMS Account PLEASE do so!**
- If you are NOT eligible to receive the vaccine (65+) or already have a VAMS Account we are unable to assist you at this time. (Sorry!)

Old Saybrook Vaccination Clinic Location

The Old Saybrook Vaccination Clinic is located at The Old Saybrook Middle School, 60 Sheffield Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Remember - Registration IS Required

You MUST have a VAMS appointment to receive a vaccine!

Please DO NOT simply show up – we will not be able to help you.....

Why Does Old Saybrook Not Have Clinics Scheduled All Month Long?

- This is a great question with an easy answer!
- We ONLY schedule clinics when we have vaccine!
- Some clinics allow people to make appointments and then cancel them when there is no vaccine available. We do not like that practice!
- When we open appointments at our clinic – we have been told by the State that we will have vaccine for those that have scheduled appointments.
- We will continue to post appointments when we have vaccine. We are prepared to have the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic open EVERY WEEK until everyone is vaccinated!

I'm NOT 65 – When Can I get Vaccinated?

- We wish we knew! The State is setting the criteria who can be vaccinated at this time.
- When an announcement is made, we will let you know! (It will also be on the news!)
- For now, those eligible to receive the vaccine are members of Group 1A (Healthcare Providers and First Responders) and those who are 65 Years Old or Older!

We are Here For YOU!

Stay Healthy – Stay Safe – Keep Smiling!

We will get through this together!

One Community - One Team!

Questions? Email Us at EOC@OldSaybrookPolice.com

The Old Saybrook Vaccine Clinic is sponsored by:

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