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HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S COVID-19 VACCINE HUBS OPEN

WithOver 125 sites now up and running across the five boroughs

Eligible New Yorkers can find the sites closest to them on the Health Department's <u>*Vaccine*</u> <u>*Locations*</u> page

January 9, 2021 – Three new COVID-19 Vaccine Hubs located in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn will open Sunday, the Health Department announced today. Twelve additional Hubs will open next week across the five boroughs, adding to the over 125 sites that are currently up and running for eligible New Yorkers citywide.

"In order to get the vaccination traffic we want, we will need to build on-ramps," said **Health Commissioner Dr. Dave. A. Chokshi**. "Facilities like these will be a route to immunity for thousands of New Yorkers. We need more New Yorkers to be eligible for the vaccine in order to quicken the pace of vaccination for the entire city."

These three Hubs will start with the capacity to vaccinate a total of 5,000-7,000 people per day and will be open seven days per week from 9:00am-7:00pm. Currently eligible New Yorkers are required to make an <u>appointment online</u>.

Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Hub Locations:

- South Bronx Educational Campus (701 St. Ann's Avenue)
- Bushwick Educational Campus (400 Irving Avenue)
- Hillcrest High School (160-05 Highland Avenue, Jamaica)

The list of New Yorkers who are currently eligible for vaccine includes high-risk healthcare workers, staff and residents at long-term care facilities and other front-line staff in patient-facing roles. Starting next week, New Yorkers in 1b, which includes first responders and those 75 years and older, will be eligible to make appointments.

The Hubs are staffed by Health Department staff and trained volunteers through the Medical Reserve Corps.

New Yorkers can visit the Health Department's <u>Vaccine Locations</u> page to find more locations currently administering the COVID-19 vaccine. Before an appointment, New Yorkers will need to complete the <u>NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Form</u> (PDF) in order to get vaccinated. NYS requires the provider administering the vaccine to check completion of the form. Additionally, eligible New Yorkers will need to bring proof of employment, such as an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a recent pay stub.

"COVID-19 continues to ravage our communities, especially in the Bronx, where we were hardest hit during the height of the pandemic, and continually as our positivity rates grow to be of the highest of other boroughs in NYC," said **State Senator Luis Sepúlveda**. "The new vaccine hubs will serve a crucial role in protecting our neighbors from this deadly virus and in our fight against the pandemic. I am thrilled to see a vaccine hub open in my district at the South Bronx Educational Campus, and I thank the Mayor and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for their important collaboration on expediting COVID-19 vaccines for the South Bronx."

"If our country will ever return to a sense of normalcy, it starts with ensuring as many Americans are getting vaccinated," said **Council Member Rafael Salamanca**. "Most importantly, in communities like mine that have disproportionately felt the impacts of COVID, the decision to place one of the first vaccination hubs in the South Bronx will literally save the lives of countless frontline workers, and the most vulnerable Bronxites. I thank the administration, the Medical Reserve Corps, staff and volunteers for their herculean efforts to protect New Yorkers during this second surge of COVID cases."

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