

Town of Cornwall



Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update, Vol. 57 September 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is good to see Cornwall is back to a gray Covid rating due to less cases. Some of our neighboring towns continue seeing case levels defined as red, so precautions still need to be followed. In other parts of the country hospital intensive care units are tragically filling up with up with unvaccinated Covid patients. Vaccines are available:

Upcoming FREE Vaccination Opportunities

Future Region One FREE Vaccination Clinic Dates

Friday, October 1st Friday, October 15th Friday, October 29th

Each of these clinics will be held at HVRHS from 3:00-7:00 PM
Clinics will offer all three vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson
& Johnson, as well as booster vaccinations for eligible
populations according to CDC guidelines.



**Housatonic Valley Regional High School
246 Warren Turnpike Road**

Free Vaccination Clinic

Booster / 3rd Shot information by EMS Chief, Elizabeth Ridgway:

COVID Situation

a. Vaccine

- i. People are now eligible for additional vaccinations. It is important to notice the difference between a third dose and a booster shot. [from Johns Hopkins](#)
 1. A third dose is for someone who is severely immunocompromised (as defined below) and is identical to the prior two doses. Individuals who are immunocompromised may not develop sufficient immunity to the vaccine which is why they need another dose.
 2. A booster shot is slightly different than the first two doses, as it is meant to build on the existing immune response established from the first two inoculations, and allow for longer immunity
- ii. Individuals eligible for third doses ([from CT DPH](#)):
 1. Individuals are eligible for their third dose if they are in a category below and it has been 28 days since they received their second **Moderna or Pfizer** vaccine
 - a. Receive active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
 - b. Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - c. Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - d. Have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
 - e. Have advanced or untreated HIV infection
 - f. Receive active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that suppress immune response
- iii. Individuals eligible for booster shots
 1. As of 9/28/21, only individuals who received Pfizer as a first dose are eligible for booster shots.
 2. Additionally, it needs to be six months from their second vaccination and they need to be in a category below
 3. Individuals eligible for Pfizer booster shot
 - a. 65 & older
 - b. 18 & older with underlying [conditions](#)
 - i. Note obesity is listed here, so many people who many consider themselves “healthy” would actually fall into this category
 - c. 18 & older who work in high risk [settings](#). The professions relevant to Cornwall:
 - i. First Responders
 - ii. Educators

- iii. Food & agriculture workers
- iv. USPS
- v. Public transit workers
- vi. Grocery store workers
- d. 18 & older who live in long-term care settings
- 4. Moderna has not been approved for a booster shot at this time, but historically has been approved shortly after Pfizer
- iv. J&J has not been approved for booster or 3rd dose at this time

Please consult your health care provider for necessary information about these additional vaccines. Working together we can continue to contain this awful pandemic.

Speaking of working together – the food pantry continues to provide increased support for our community’s vulnerable residents.

Here is the Food Pantry Wish List from Cornwall Social Service Director, Heather Dinneen: - a * indicates a most needed item.

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| Soups* | Oatmeal (instant packets) |
| Size 6 Diapers | Cereal, especially kid's varieties* |
| Kid's Snacks* | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Dish Soap | Thank you! |
| Pasta | |

Thank you so much for your continued support of the food pantry! Items (including surplus garden produce) can be dropped off inside the back doors of UCC Church, or shipped directly to: Food Pantry, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall CT 06753. Financial Contributions can be sent to: Cornwall Food & Fuel Fund, PO Box 97, Cornwall CT 06753, or Paypal: CWLFINANCE@OPTONLINE.NET

Thanks for your help,

Gordon Ridgway
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