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COVID-19 VACCINE PREPAREDNESS

This week the management team at The Chenango County Health Department is meeting to begin working on a plan to receive, distribute, and administer the future COVID-19 vaccine. In the United States, there is not yet an authorized or approved vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). We will keep the public informed as the situation develops, and as new information becomes available.

- ✓ Planning will include staffing needs, locations, record keeping, logistics, distribution to other healthcare organizations, and other details.
- ✓ We have NOT yet received any information from the New York State Health Department as to when the first shipment will arrive, how much vaccine will be sent or how often additional vaccine will be sent.
- ✓ The New York State Health Department has announced that NYS will receive initial delivery of 170,000 doses of vaccine on December 15th if approvals are granted. These doses would go to health care workers and nursing home residents and staff. It has not yet been determined what counties or facilities will receive these initial doses.
- ✓ There will be a limited amount of vaccine at first, but supply will continually increase in the weeks and months that follow.

Please remain diligent and keep social distancing, wearing masks/ face coverings in public, practicing good handwashing, and cleaning/ disinfecting techniques. We want to stress the importance of continuing to social distance while in a group setting, gathering, or out in public. Always take steps to protect yourself and your health. Stay at least 6 feet away from others, wear a mask and wash your hands often. Please be aware, stay informed, and stay safe. Thank you

For more information visit the following websites:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>