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Vaccination Update for Amherst County

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- Members of Amherst County Public Safety underwent two days of training and are now certified to administer the COVID-19 vaccination. **Amherst County officials are working to set up a large scale vaccination clinic with a priority on vaccinating those ages 65 and older.**
- Amherst County Public Safety is running a small vaccination clinic at Amherst County High School for County teachers and school staff on Friday, February 5, 2021. Two-hundred-sixty employees are scheduled to receive their vaccination. This first clinic was used as a test run to prepare for the County's larger vaccination clinics.
- While our region waits for doses, individuals interested in receiving the vaccination can register with the Virginia Department of Health and will be notified when one becomes available:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/central-virginia/>
- Registration can also be done over the phone by calling (434) 477-5965 and follow the voicemail instructions. Due to the high call volume, you will not receive a call back for confirmation.
- The Central Virginia Health District entered Phase 1b in late January. This opened up vaccinations to people 65 and older, front line workers, people in certain living situations, front line essential workers, and those ages 16-65 with certain conditions or disabilities.
- Twenty-five members of Amherst County Sheriff's Department have received the vaccination.
- County Administrator, Dean Rodgers, and Director of Public Safety, Sam Bryant, are part of a regional task force of the region's medical director, Central Virginia Health District representatives, emergency managers and leaders from the surrounding localities. The group meets regularly to discuss the distributions of the vaccines allotted to the region.