

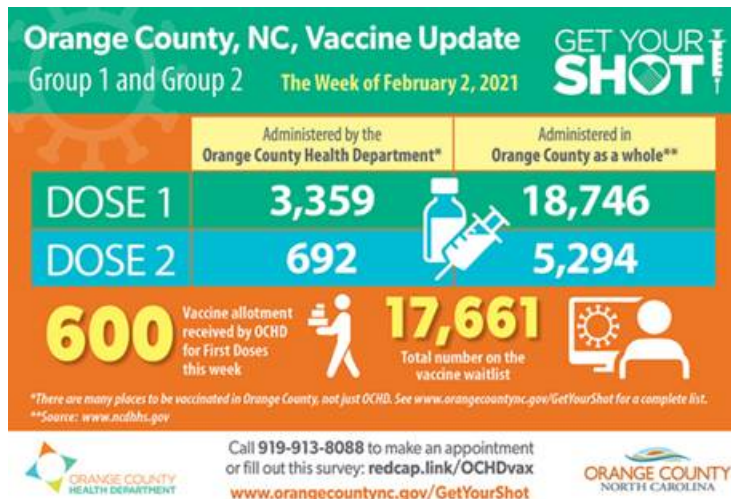
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Hello Everyone,

As we head into the weekend, I am heartened by the fact that the numbers of cases and hospitalizations are beginning to stabilize. Earlier this week, it was reported that health care workers across the state have administered more than 1 million vaccine doses since mid-December, and that over 8% of all North Carolina residents have received at least one dose.

I am also encouraged by plans at the state level to put more funding towards vaccinations, schools, and emergency housing assistance. Although vaccine is currently in short supply, doses continue to be administered every day and the state has been clear that it will prioritize "speed and equity" as more shipments arrive.

The graphic to the right offers a snapshot of where we are in Orange County this week. You can also visit [www.orangecountync.gov/GetYourShot](http://www.orangecountync.gov/GetYourShot) to learn more about vaccine dispersal in the County.



### Celebrating Safely

Looking back, it's clear that holiday gatherings led to surging case counts and record hospitalizations. While there isn't an official holiday this weekend, Duke-Carolina basketball games and the Super Bowl are traditionally a time for many to gather with family and friends. Because of what we've learned from the winter holidays, the safest way to enjoy these games is by staying in and gathering virtually or within our safe pods. Let's be sure to celebrate safely and continue doing our part to keep the numbers heading in the right direction.

### Ask the Manager

Do you have any COVID-19-related questions that you think other staff might be wondering about, too? If so, you can send your questions to [pio@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:pio@townofchapelhill.org) and my office will get the answer to you in a future Manager's COVID-19 update. There are also opportunities listed in the resources section below to get your questions answered. I look forward to hearing more about what's on your mind and the topics that are most important to you.

### COVID Vaccine 101 Sessions

Do you have specific questions about the vaccine? Would you like to hear from a medical professional? The Town has partnered with UNC Health Care and Orange County Emergency Services to provide two more virtual Zoom sessions next week. To learn more about the details, look for Cliff Turner's updated email invitations from earlier this morning or contact your HRD representative.

- Monday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 10 at 3 p.m.

### Reporting Your Vaccination

When you are lucky enough to take your shot, please report that information to HRD. This information will be treated as any other confidential medical information and will be protected. The information is being gathered for planning purposes only. HRD will be able to tell how many employees are receiving the vaccine and provide guidance to my

office about when we can begin lifting restrictions and getting more people back into their offices safely. To submit your information, send a copy of your completed vaccination card to Nicholos Palmer in HRD in a sealed envelope.

### Resources

- Submit employee questions and concerns to the Office of Risk Management at 919-969-5035, [rallen@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:rallen@townofchapelhill.org)
- Contact the Town's Wellness Clinic: 919-968-2796, <https://chapelhillwellnessatwork.org/>
  - Please call first
  - Please note: the Town's Wellness Clinic does not have the capability to test for coronavirus; the staff can recommend whether you should seek additional medical guidance
- Your Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plan provides video diagnosis options. Visit <https://member.carefirst.com/members/health-wellness/video-visit.page>.
- Contact the Ombuds at [ombuds@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:ombuds@townofchapelhill.org) or 919-265-0806
- If you need to talk with someone about personal problems and/or work-related problems that may impact your job performance, health, mental and emotional well-being, call 1-800-326-3864 or visit [bhsonline.com](http://bhsonline.com).



All the Best,  
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