



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS *Wednesday, April 14th*

The Friday, April 16th vaccine clinic in Charlemont has been canceled due to the severe weather forecast.

Appointments are being re-scheduled to Saturday, April 17th at the same location in Charlemont (Berkshire East Mountain Resort).

Please advise any residents who have inquiries that everyone scheduled for the Friday clinic is being manually transferred to new appointments on Saturday afternoon. This process will take awhile, but at some point in the next day or so they will receive either an email or a phone call with the new appointment time. If they do not receive an email or phone call, or can't make it on Saturday and need to cancel, please advise them to contact Amanda Doster at 413-774-3167 extension 120.

FDA and CDC recommend pause on administration of the J&J vaccine. The Commonwealth paused all J&J vaccines in Massachusetts as of Tuesday, April 12th.

Franklin Regional Collaborative Clinic operations have not yet seen any impacts as we primarily administer Moderna vaccines. However, J&J vaccines are used for homebound appointments in the County and will be impacted. We will provide further updates when we know more.

4/12/2021 Announcement from the Commonwealth: "In response to today's recommendation from the FDA and CDC to pause J&J vaccines due to an extremely rare condition reported in 6 individuals nationwide, the Department of Public Health directed all providers to immediately pause administration of the J&J vaccine until federal health experts investigate this matter. This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution as the FDA and CDC review these 6 cases, none of which are known to be linked to Massachusetts. The FDA has reported over 6.8M doses of J&J have been administered nationwide. Individuals who have received a J&J vaccine should contact their physician if they have concerns."