



January 22, 2021

The Rutherford Health Department feels it's important for residents to know that most local governments and municipalities do not have control over distribution of the COVID vaccines. Many factors, including but not limited to having the necessary cold storage that the vaccines require, currently prohibit local municipalities from handling the vaccine. It is not anticipated that the Rutherford Health Department will be vaccinating residents against COVID-19.

The Health Department has established a 24-hour hotline at **201-460-3000 x3154** with the most recent information available regarding the vaccine. A transcript of the hotline recording can be found on the [Health Department's page on the Borough website](#).

Residents who have questions not answered by the 24-Hour Hotline Number can call the Health Department weekdays at 201-460-3020.

More vaccine information can be found at www.covid19.nj.gov.

Additionally, 55 Kip Center is offering assistance to senior citizens without internet access who want to register for the vaccine but are having difficulties navigating the online systems. Those interested need proper identification and their insurance card in order to be helped over the phone. Call **201-460-1600** or visit www.55kipcenter.org for more information.

As this virus continues to impact Rutherford families, I ask that you continue to keep those affected in your thoughts.

On a positive note, the Borough will be working with the Rutherford Arts Council to create a Youth Arts Banner program. Much like the popular Military Banner Program that adorn light poles from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day, the Borough is excited to announce a partnership with the Rutherford Arts Council to highlight the creativity of Rutherford's youth this spring. If you know a Rutherford youth who would be interested in showcasing their artwork publicly please let them know about this opportunity. Deadline for submissions is estimated to be early March and more details will be available over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan