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We are all frustrated by the lack of vaccination availability here on the Peninsula. Currently, the vaccine is ordered, stored, and issued by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the healthcare systems. The City of Williamsburg, James City County, York County, the City of Hampton, the City of Newport News, and the City of Poquoson are working as regional partners to establish three vaccination clinic sites on the Peninsula. We have submitted these plans to the VDH for review, guidance, and ultimately approval. We expect this to occur this week, and we are hopeful that our clinics will receive the first doses of the vaccine in short order. This will allow the localities to assist VDH and the health systems in vaccinating our citizens according to the CDC's phased plan.

We agree that being patient while waiting for a vaccine to be available for everyone is challenging when little information is available regarding when or how you will get access. We cannot provide details of our planning because they may change based on VDH review. We do not want to add to the confusion by changing announced plans more than is necessary.

The planned vaccination clinics will provide capacity for expedited vaccine placement with ample vaccinators to meet the need. However, each clinic's performance will still be limited by the amount of the vaccine supplied to the clinic. We will do all that we can to receive adequate supply to meet the mission of vaccinating our region.

Your partnership in this extraordinary effort is appreciated.

If you have urgent questions regarding the vaccination process, call the Virginia Department of Health Peninsula District at 757-594-7069. For more information, you can visit your locality's website at:

Hampton: <u>hampton.gov</u> James City: <u>jamescitycountyva.gov</u> Newport News: <u>nnva.gov</u> Poquoson: <u>ci.poquosonva.us</u> Williamsburg: <u>williamsburgva.gov</u> York County: <u>yorkcounty.gov</u>

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