



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Vaccination Program Update

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Dear Neighbor,

The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine has made many anxious to get an appointment. I know this has not been an easy task, and many have found the process frustrating, as it can be difficult to go online, find a location offering appointments or get someone on the phone.

My office is communicating with the Governor's office about the issues of concern and we are hopeful the situation will approve. We want to make sure there are more vaccine locations and that you can actually make an appointment.

However, we know some providers do not yet have the vaccine, and the Governor is working to get more vaccines from the federal government.

The new COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline for scheduling vaccination appointments for eligible New Yorkers has been quite busy, and I know it's hard to get through. Due to everyone trying to register at once, the system is overloaded. I do believe as the system expands, things will get easier in the coming weeks.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at (914) 423-4031 or email me at scousins@nyenate.gov. My staff is working tirelessly through this pandemic to help all of you, and we will continue to be in touch with the Governor's office about the vaccination program and as we get more information will pass it on to you.

For more information about vaccine eligibility, phased distribution and more, please visit: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/what-you-need-know>.

Until next time,

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