



Jackie Owens, Vice Chair for the Department of Dental Medicine at Lehigh Valley Health Network: "I want to protect my patients and family which is why I got the vaccine. I'm also a Type 1 diabetic."

St. Luke's Covid Vaccination Update

By Stephen Andrews

BETHLEHM - As of 12/28/21, St. Luke's has received approximately 22,000 doses of the vaccines to date from both Pfizer and Moderna. Shipments were for the first dose, only, and we anticipate getting the second series in a few weeks. All of our healthcare employees at all campuses including our NJ facility have been offered the vaccine. St. Luke's is not mandating that everyone take it, but most are. Employees do not need to provide a reason for declining the vaccine. Every individual who receives the first dose is also being scheduled to receive the second dose within 3 to 4 weeks per government guidelines.

Medical first responders and independent physicians affiliated with St. Luke's (including behavioral health practitioners and dentists) have been provided updates and details on how to get the vaccine. Local independent physicians unaffiliated with St. Luke's can also get more information through our St. Luke's Care Network department. St. Luke's has vaccinated approximately 9,000 people.

Michael Conrad, DMD a 69-year-old dentist in the area says he wants to protect his patients and family. "With having my own dental practice, I've taken great steps in ensuring patient safety from installing UV air sanitation to replacing carpeting with vinyl flooring for thorough cleaning. I'm also a Type 2 diabetic and I feel this vaccine is a great help in keeping me safe along with everyone around me."

St. Luke's is following CDC Guidelines in rolling out the vaccines. The second round of vaccines will be for essential workers such as teachers, police and firefighters, while the third round of vaccines is for adults with high-risk medical conditions and those age 65 and over.

"Vaccines are an important tool in the prevention and spread of diseases like COVID-19. While the vaccine is not mandatory, St. Luke's medical leadership recommends the vaccine as an effective way to protect against COVID-19. It is not a cure, however, and we must remain vigilant and continue our infection prevention practices such as masking and social distancing," states Dr. Jeff Jahre, Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs, St. Luke's University Health Network .



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