Supply shortage delays county vaccinations

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Cape May County Court House — Cape May County residents should go to the county's website to learn how to register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Although this county is a leader in the state for vaccinations based on population, the slow delay in getting the vaccine into the county is far outstripping the supply, a fact noted in neighboring Atlantic County and statewide.

The website is capemay.nj.gov. Many of the links on the site will take residents to the state website, covid19.nj.gov. The state's vaccination site is county-specific and state-wide.

The county site has links explaining how to register for the vaccine, where, how and when to get vaccinated, COVID-19 testing locations, COVID-19 vaccine locations, who is eligible to get the vaccine in New Jersey, and to see the county's COVID-19 dashboard.

The dashboard tells residents the daily counts for active and new cases of COVID-19; the community, along with other metrics, such as the test results by age and gender, are also shared. Last week, the Cape May County Department of Health announced that the county’s vaccination program was the fastest among counties in New Jersey based on the population. As of Friday, the state Department of Health reported more than 50,000 doses of the vaccine had been administered in the county.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, a study showed that the state had administered 2,673 vaccines per 100,000 individuals, a rate higher than any other county, and had administered more second doses (794) per 100,000 residents. The closest in first doses was Atlantic County, which had 3,911. Atlantic County had the second-fastest rate for second doses with 553.

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