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Citizens of the Greater Rangeley area:

I hope this letter finds all of you off to a great start to the new year. I'm happy to report that as far as I am aware, we currently have no active cases of COVID-19. Thank you to everyone that has continued to work diligently to keep our community open and successful while maintaining the safety guidelines that are being asked of us.

This letter is to inform you of COVID vaccination information as I know it at this time. Governor Mills and the Maine CDC have issued the rollout plan in recent weeks.

PHASE 1A – CURRENTLY ACTIVE

- Health care, public safety and COVID-19 response personnel
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities

PHASE 1B – CURRENTLY ACTIVE

- People aged 70 years and older

PHASE 1B-2 – NOT YET ACTIVE

- People aged 65 and older
- Adults with high-risk medical conditions that put them at greater risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19
- Front-line essential workers
 - Agriculture/food production, postal service, manufacturing, groceries, public transit, education, day care

PHASE 2 – NOT YET ACTIVE

- People aged 16-64, who were not already eligible in a prior phase

Different health organizations are approaching vaccinations for their patients in various ways.

For those who are patients of Rangeley Family Medicine, the office will be calling their patients to schedule vaccination to those who wish to receive it when each phase is opened. They will only be offering vaccinations to those who are patients of the office.

Those who are patients of offices under the MaineHealth system will not be receiving COVID vaccinations in their office, instead they will be holding clinics off site (most at a hospital) for those wishing to be vaccinated. They are asking that you do not call the office, instead please use the following website for scheduling and information pertaining to your "category".

<https://www.mainehealth.org/Coronavirus-COVID-19/Vaccine>

Please reach out with any questions to healthofficer@rangeleyme.org, or call 2-1-1 or visit Maine CDC website for more information.

Be Safe. Be Well.

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