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## **First Selectman's COVID-19 Update: Where We Stand in Darien, What Lies Ahead and Advice on What To Do**

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Parents, consider getting your teenager, 16 or older, to a vaccine clinic to join 55% of Darien residents who have already got at least one shot.

Community Health Centers clinic at the Long Ridge Road parking lot of the former Lord & Taylor store in Stamford will welcome Darien students, 16 and older, for their first shot on Saturday May 1 and their second on May 22.

That's part of the advice and news update from First Selectman Jayme Stevenson's message to the town late Thursday. Darien residents of any age older than 16 are welcome at the scheduled Town Hall clinics — Wednesdays in May from 9 to 3 p.m. Again, no appointments needed.

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And there's this consideration for high school students: "As we move closer to end of year activities like prom, graduation, performances, sports activities and other town events, we encourage all students 16+, with parent permission of course, to consider getting vaccinated. Being vaccinated reduces or eliminates the need for quarantining if there are COVID exposures."

*Here's Stevenson's full message (Darienite.com has added subheadings and boldface):*

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jayme Stevenson with a COVID-19 update for Thursday, April 29.

### **Darien Numbers**

There have been 24 new cases in the two-week period since April 15. Darien's positivity rate stands at 1.88%. There have been a total of 1502 cases from 950 unique households and no new hospitalizations since my last report. Darien Public Schools report 8 active cases resulting in 14 quarantines. Over 55% of all eligible Darien residents have received their first dose of vaccine.

### **It's Easier to Get Vaccinated in and Around Darien**

All residents 16+ are eligible for vaccine. Community Health Centers will be holding a clinic for all eligible Darien students this Saturday, May 1 with second doses scheduled for Saturday, May 22. The Community Health Center clinic is located at 110 High Ridge Road — the former Lord & Taylor site. No appointment is needed.

The CDC and FDA have lifted the pause on the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Darien Vaccine Clinics offer both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson as supplies permit. Town Clinics will continue through May on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments can be made but are no longer necessary.

If you are due or overdue for your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, please don't delay in getting it. The vaccine is at peak effectiveness two weeks after you have been fully immunized.

You can find a vaccine provider at [www.CovidVaccineFinder.ct.gov](http://www.CovidVaccineFinder.ct.gov) or by calling 1 (877) 918-2224.

**Local vaccine providers include** [Grieb's Pharmacy](#) | [Walgreens](#) | [Stamford Hospital](#) | [Yale New Haven Health](#) | [Community Health Center](#) and [certain Stop & Shop Pharmacies](#).

### **State, Federal Information Websites**

Statewide COVID-19 data can be found at the state's [Coronavirus Web pages](#) and [Darien-specific data here](#). Please visit the federal government's [CDC website](#) for more COVID-19 information.

### **Restrictions in CT to Ease Soon**

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**COVID-19 restrictions will be eased on May 1.** Bars that do not serve food may open for outdoor service only. Food is required to be served with alcohol service indoors. The eight-person table limit will be lifted for outdoor seating and business curfews will move to 12 midnight.

**On May 19, all remaining business restrictions will be lifted.** Masks must still be worn indoors. The state Department of Public Health will be issuing recommendations for indoor and large outdoor gatherings.

**The Vaccinated Have More Fun**

As we move closer to end of year activities like prom, graduation, performances, sports activities and other town events, we encourage all students 16+, with parent permission of course, to consider getting vaccinated. Being vaccinated reduces or eliminates the need for quarantining if there are COVID exposures.

The light at the end of the COVID tunnel is getting brighter — we'll beat this thing together!

Thank you and good evening.