



Dear Friends,

We appreciate your thoughtful questions regarding Hudson Headwaters' vaccine distribution efforts. We want nothing more than to vaccinate every person requesting a vaccine, and we very much hope to get to that point in the not-too-distant future. However, under current New York State criteria, the number of eligible patients far exceeds the amount of allocated vaccine available.

New York State has directed federally qualified health centers like Hudson Headwaters to focus on vaccinating elderly patients. As a first step, and to make the most of our limited supply, we are working in partnership with local health departments and local branches of the Office of the Aging to target patients ages 80 or older. We are contacting these patients directly; there is no waiting list to join.

To date, Hudson Headwaters has given 11,348 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. More than 18% of North Country residents have received at least a first dose, which far exceeds vaccination rates in most other counties across the State. But there's clearly more work to be done and our health centers, staff and volunteers represent the necessary infrastructure and workforce needed to play a significant role in vaccinating as much of the population as possible once sufficient supplies are available.

Hudson Headwaters continues to work closely with our elected state and federal officials to advocate for more vaccines. We are hopeful that we will receive increased supplies in the coming weeks and months, at which point we hope to open our clinics to other eligible patients. Supply updates are posted to our [website](#).

In the meantime, if you and/or your loved ones are eligible, your best bet to schedule a vaccine appointment is to call the NYS Vax Hotline 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) or check the NYS "[Am I Eligible](#)" website. You may also want to call your nearest pharmacy to see if they have open appointments.

Thank you for all that you do to support Hudson Headwaters.

Stay Healthy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tucker'.

Tucker Slingerland, M.D.

2021 marks the 40th Anniversary of Hudson Headwaters Health Network



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As part of a year-long celebration, the organization will share a retrospective of milestones while unveiling plans to secure and strengthen the next forty years of health care in the region. Read the full press release [here](#).

Remembering One of Our Own: Mary-Arthur Beebe



Mary-Arthur served as a Hudson Headwaters Health Foundation board member from 2007-2018. Her dedication to Glens Falls and her love of sports and exercise made her an ideal advocate for community health.

During her time on the foundation board, Mary-Arthur will be remembered for her thoughtful and passionate participation. She had an extensive network of friends and contacts and connected many new supporters to our work, including several current board members. Read her obituary [here](#).

Hudson Headwaters in the News



VP of Medical Staff Operations Kevin Dougrey talks with [WNYT-News Channel 13](#) about the importance of including primary care providers in COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

[This Post Star article](#) describes Hudson Headwaters' proactive efforts to provide eligible patients with the required documentation to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine.



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