

Vaccination timing

People are asking me when they will be able to get vaccinated. Spoiler alert “I don’t know”. You’d have to know a minimum of 2 things to make the calculation.

1 How many people are in line a head of you. (Demand)

2 How fast we will get the vaccine. (Supply)

We know neither. You’d think we’d know something simple like, how many first responders there are. We don’t. We know how many cops, but we don’t know how many fire fighters there are and how many want to get vaccinated. This is America, we don’t carry papers, we don’t keep lists on people. Our very Constitution is designed to decentralized governance.

The county has sent out a questionnaire but not all have responded. Before you pass judgement, these are volunteer organizations, with fluctuating membership, during a time of disruption. And that’s just one part of group 1a. Though there is some confusion maybe it’s 1b. See what I mean.

Then there is the supply side of the equation. The distribution has not gone as planned by a factor of 10. Distribution is complicated by storage temperatures, and multiple different vaccines. In addition, the Federal government has chosen for the distribution to be handled at the state and local level. That means varying methods could compete for resources. It also means confusion. You may see something on TV for NY and assume it applies to NJ.

What I can do is to work very hard to ensure Franklin get’s its share at its time. I won’t let others jump in line ahead of us, but I also won’t jump in line ahead of others.

It’s very frustrating. We’ve waited so long, it’s so close and yet so far away.