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NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.400 So I work in the school public health

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00:00:02.400 --> 00:00:05.697 I work on on issues around vaccines and

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00:00:05.697 --> 00:00:08.230 vaccination programs and policy which as

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00:00:08.230 --> 00:00:10.722 you can imagine during this past year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:10.730 --> 00:00:12.644 really has meant thinking really exclusively

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:12.644 --> 00:00:14.800 around the issues around COVID-19 vaccines,

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00:00:14.800 --> 00:00:16.485 and that's included the opportunity

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00:00:16.485 --> 00:00:18.605 to serve on the Vaccine Advisory

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00:00:18.605 --> 00:00:20.867 Group for Governor Lamont here in

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00:00:20.867 --> 00:00:22.929 Connecticut and support the work that

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00:00:22.929 --> 00:00:24.966 the state's been doing in the rollout

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00:00:24.970 --> 00:00:26.788 of the vaccination program here in

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00:00:26.788 --> 00:00:28.446 Connecticut that rapidly changing rapidly

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:28.446 --> 00:00:30.050 accelerating the vaccination rollout.

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00:00:30.050 --> 00:00:32.549 So I was asked just in these.

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00:00:32.550 --> 00:00:34.080 Next, four or five minutes,

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00:00:34.080 --> 00:00:35.879 just to provide sort of an overview

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:35.879 --> 00:00:38.295 of where we are and where we're headed

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00:00:38.295 --> 00:00:40.271 with respect to the vaccination programs

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00:00:40.271 --> 00:00:42.239 underway here in Connecticut at the

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00:00:42.239 --> 00:00:44.486 state level and some of the progress

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00:00:44.486 --> 00:00:46.370 we've made in the challenges that

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00:00:46.431 --> 00:00:48.405 lie ahead and how that can relate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:48.410 --> 00:00:50.349 certainly to the to the work for

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:50.349 --> 00:00:52.264 your patience and for your clients

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00:00:52.264 --> 00:00:53.290 here in Connecticut.

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00:00:53.290 --> 00:00:56.040 As you've no doubt heard, it's hard to avoid.

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00:00:56.040 --> 00:00:57.433 Of course, that we are.

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00:00:57.433 --> 00:00:59.260 We are moving rapidly through an expanding

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:00:59.316 --> 00:01:01.216 vaccination program here in Connecticut,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:01.220 --> 00:01:02.880 and I think very Fortunately.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:02.880 --> 00:01:04.188 This period that we've
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:04.188 --> 00:01:05.496 been in since December,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:05.500 --> 00:01:07.075 where we've been thinking making
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:07.075 --> 00:01:08.650 this difficult decisions here in
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:08.702 --> 00:01:10.397 Connecticut and around the country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:10.400 --> 00:01:12.110 With respect to how are scarce
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:12.110 --> 00:01:13.690 vaccine doses should be prioritized
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:13.690 --> 00:01:15.958 or allocated among a different groups,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:15.960 --> 00:01:18.312 whether it's by age group or health
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:18.312 --> 00:01:20.343 status or occupation or other terms
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:20.343 --> 00:01:22.251 that that chapter is rapidly coming
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:22.251 --> 00:01:23.478 to a close right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:23.480 --> 00:01:25.797 So here in Connecticut we have now
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:25.797 --> 00:01:28.389 heard that by the 1st week of April,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:28.390 --> 00:01:30.160 the expectation is that will will

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:30.160 --> 00:01:32.136 reach a point of eligibility for

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:32.136 --> 00:01:34.344 all individuals aged 16 and above.

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00:01:34.350 --> 00:01:36.542 I will be eligible to sign up for

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:36.542 --> 00:01:38.278 a first dose vaccine appointment

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00:01:38.278 --> 00:01:40.896 process that I think we need to

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:40.965 --> 00:01:42.800 recognize will take through the

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00:01:42.800 --> 00:01:45.348 better part of April to meet those.

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00:01:45.348 --> 00:01:47.118 That initial wave of individuals

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00:01:47.118 --> 00:01:49.219 who are eligible to receive those

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00:01:49.219 --> 00:01:51.494 vaccines in are interested in doing so.

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00:01:51.500 --> 00:01:54.236 That's a testament to a lots of factors.

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00:01:54.240 --> 00:01:55.640 Certainly having three vaccines

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:55.640 --> 00:01:57.740 that have been developed with with

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:57.794 --> 00:01:59.624 really fantastic safety and efficacy

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:01:59.624 --> 00:02:01.454 profiles that have been reviewed
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:01.507 --> 00:02:03.319 by the Food and Drug Administration
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:03.319 --> 00:02:05.270 that were reviewed by the Scientific
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:05.270 --> 00:02:06.380 Subcommittee of the.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:06.380 --> 00:02:07.349 Vaccine Advisory Group,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:07.349 --> 00:02:10.437 for which I serve as one of the Co
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:10.437 --> 00:02:12.717 chairs to support their their deployment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:12.720 --> 00:02:15.100 And here in Connecticut as well as
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:15.100 --> 00:02:16.905 this rapidly expanding vaccine supply
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:16.905 --> 00:02:19.053 that we're receiving that that is
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:19.053 --> 00:02:21.189 allowing us to move more quickly
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:21.189 --> 00:02:21.865 than frankly,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:21.870 --> 00:02:24.201 I think anyone may have expected through
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:24.201 --> 00:02:26.089 these initial waves of vaccination.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:26.090 --> 00:02:27.945 We began here in Connecticut
NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:27.945 --> 00:02:30.173 receiving about 46,000 doses of first

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:30.173 --> 00:02:31.718 doses of vaccine a week,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:31.720 --> 00:02:34.556 give or take in late December, early January.

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00:02:34.556 --> 00:02:37.062 We're now at about 130,000 and the.

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00:02:37.070 --> 00:02:39.518 Doses per week and that by in the next

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:39.518 --> 00:02:42.041 few weeks we expect to be somewhere

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:42.041 --> 00:02:44.019 near about 200,000 doses a week.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:44.020 --> 00:02:44.336 Statewide.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:44.336 --> 00:02:45.916 First doses individuals that we

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:45.916 --> 00:02:46.864 can begin vaccinating.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85151273

00:02:46.870 --> 00:02:48.760 So we're in this pivot point.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:48.760 --> 00:02:50.500 An important point in the in

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:50.500 --> 00:02:52.240 the trajectory of the pandemic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:52.240 --> 00:02:53.484 A point, of course,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:53.484 --> 00:02:56.366 is as we know in here is not a

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:56.366 --> 00:02:58.238 point to let our guard down,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:58.240 --> 00:02:59.986 but a point where the forecast
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:02:59.986 --> 00:03:01.150 for the continued success
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:01.211 --> 00:03:02.667 of vaccinating our citizens,
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:02.670 --> 00:03:04.335 our community members are our
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:04.335 --> 00:03:05.667 friends and colleagues and
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:05.667 --> 00:03:07.241 neighbors and patients has been
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:07.241 --> 00:03:08.726 moving from those highest risk.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:08.730 --> 00:03:10.335 Older individuals where the where
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:10.335 --> 00:03:12.389 the vast majority of deaths and
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:12.389 --> 00:03:13.949 severe outcomes are concentrated,
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:13.950 --> 00:03:15.342 moving through the younger
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:15.342 --> 00:03:17.430 age groups and in the process.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:17.430 --> 00:03:19.740 In this age based approach that
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:19.740 --> 00:03:21.280 Connecticut has has implemented
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:21.347 --> 00:03:22.997 in the process of doing so.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:23.000 --> 00:03:23.704 Of course,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:23.704 --> 00:03:25.112 reaching groups throughout the

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:25.112 --> 00:03:27.280 age strata for which there are

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:27.280 --> 00:03:29.015 high risk comorbidities and who

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:29.015 --> 00:03:30.759 work in occupations that place

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:30.759 --> 00:03:32.047 them at increased risk.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:32.050 --> 00:03:34.479 That age based approach was it was,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:34.480 --> 00:03:36.120 it was reflecting those challenges

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:36.120 --> 00:03:37.760 of science and ethics and

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:37.818 --> 00:03:39.458 implementation that the state.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:39.460 --> 00:03:41.623 I was wrestling with and that every

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:41.623 --> 00:03:43.928 state is wrestling with during this phase.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:43.930 --> 00:03:46.441 But as we now know as we as we

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:46.441 --> 00:03:48.476 look from March into April will

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:48.476 --> 00:03:50.630 now be at a new wave,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:50.630 --> 00:03:53.430 a new stage and a stage with every bit as

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:53.500 --> 00:03:56.364 as many challenges in terms of the thesis,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:56.370 --> 00:03:56.990 the success,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:56.990 --> 00:03:58.540 the promotion of our vaccination

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:03:58.540 --> 00:04:00.157 campaign here in Connecticut and

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:00.157 --> 00:04:02.047 effort that will move beyond simply

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:02.047 --> 00:04:04.013 meeting the pent up demand among

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:04.013 --> 00:04:05.613 those individuals in each eligibility

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:05.613 --> 00:04:07.506 group who are eager to get the

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:07.506 --> 00:04:09.890 vaccine at the first available opportunity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:09.890 --> 00:04:11.978 Who have been able to navigate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:11.980 --> 00:04:12.538 I was.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:12.538 --> 00:04:14.770 I was struck by so many of Jenny's

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:14.838 --> 00:04:16.808 comments about about the wonderful

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:16.808 --> 00:04:20.008 work that Iris is doing across the board,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:20.010 --> 00:04:21.790 but particularly with the partnering

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:21.790 --> 00:04:23.976 with the vaccine effort with the

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:23.976 --> 00:04:26.046 group at Fairhaven and otherwise to

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:26.046 --> 00:04:27.689 help individuals across the state,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:27.690 --> 00:04:29.018 and particularly the communities

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:29.018 --> 00:04:31.436 they serve to address some of those

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:31.436 --> 00:04:33.266 challenges we know are significant,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:33.270 --> 00:04:34.670 the technological challenges navigating

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:34.670 --> 00:04:35.720 website scheduling appointments,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:35.720 --> 00:04:36.728 issues around transportation

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:36.728 --> 00:04:39.528 that we have heard all of us as

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:39.528 --> 00:04:40.677 as individuals without.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:40.680 --> 00:04:42.816 Friends or family members or colleagues.

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:42.820 --> 00:04:45.305 Those of us helping with the rollout,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:45.310 --> 00:04:47.090 whether it's at health systems

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:47.090 --> 00:04:48.870 or at the state level,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:48.870 --> 00:04:50.306 knowing those challenges that

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:50.306 --> 00:04:52.460 those those have presented to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:52.524 --> 00:04:54.234 vaccination rollout so that effort
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:54.234 --> 00:04:56.359 will need to continue and will
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:56.359 --> 00:04:58.119 begin a phase really imminently.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:04:58.120 --> 00:05:00.124 It's already ramping up to begin
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:00.124 --> 00:05:01.912 addressing the many other barriers
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:01.912 --> 00:05:03.842 to vaccination that are perennial
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:03.842 --> 00:05:05.786 concerns and will remain concerns
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:05.786 --> 00:05:07.790 during this next phase into the
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:07.790 --> 00:05:09.532 spring and summer of building,
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:09.532 --> 00:05:11.362 reaching individuals who have doubts
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:11.362 --> 00:05:13.216 and questions and concerns around
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:13.216 --> 00:05:15.304 vaccines is absolutely going to be.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:15.310 --> 00:05:18.166 A barrier that will need to be addressed.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:18.170 --> 00:05:20.669 One that requires that kind of engagement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:20.670 --> 00:05:22.098 That kind of communication,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:22.098 --> 00:05:24.240 the kind of of of individualized,

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:24.240 --> 00:05:25.800 often conversations and discussions

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:25.800 --> 00:05:27.750 with other health care providers

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:27.750 --> 00:05:30.059 or or trusted friends or community

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:30.059 --> 00:05:31.924 leaders or colleagues or individuals

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:31.984 --> 00:05:34.056 who can help resolve any questions or

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:34.056 --> 00:05:36.342 concerns that we know are out there

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:36.342 --> 00:05:38.082 regarding all vaccines and these

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:38.082 --> 00:05:40.049 vaccines in particular that have

NOTE Confidence: 0.821974

00:05:40.049 --> 00:05:42.383 many different manifestations and and there

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00:05:42.442 --> 00:05:44.938 isn't A1 size fits all approach to address.

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00:05:44.940 --> 00:05:47.826 And likewise it's important to continue.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:47.830 --> 00:05:49.910 Making vaccines as available and

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:49.910 --> 00:05:51.990 accessible to our communities long

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:52.059 --> 00:05:54.643 after we get beyond this point of just

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:54.643 --> 00:05:56.771 simply trying to meet those individuals

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:56.771 --> 00:05:59.294 who have the resources that I'm the

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:05:59.294 --> 00:06:01.264 transportation and the digital literacy

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:01.264 --> 00:06:03.566 to avail themselves of the vaccine

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:03.566 --> 00:06:05.540 as soon as it becomes available.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:05.540 --> 00:06:07.220 So this seems particularly relevant

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:07.220 --> 00:06:09.381 to the refugee population and the

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:09.381 --> 00:06:11.077 partnerships that your organizations,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:11.080 --> 00:06:13.621 your clinics, your groups can help do

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:13.621 --> 00:06:16.539 to be those sort of trusted partners

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:16.539 --> 00:06:19.161 to help your patients and clients.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:19.170 --> 00:06:20.082 Find the vaccines.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:20.082 --> 00:06:21.906 Make those vaccine appointments were going

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:21.906 --> 00:06:23.808 to be in a vaccine appointment based

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:23.808 --> 00:06:25.789 system again for the foreseeable future.

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00:06:25.790 --> 00:06:27.897 I think that you know that we

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00:06:27.897 --> 00:06:29.746 will transition out of that at

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:29.746 --> 00:06:31.206 some point later this year.

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00:06:31.210 --> 00:06:33.317 I think is is likely to say,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:33.320 --> 00:06:34.820 but for the foreseeable future,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:34.820 --> 00:06:36.927 even after we're at long term eligibility,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:36.930 --> 00:06:39.114 we're going to be still trying to navigate

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:39.114 --> 00:06:40.539 appointments and vaccination sites,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:40.540 --> 00:06:41.560 scheduling second doses,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:41.560 --> 00:06:43.940 and all of those challenges that we

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00:06:44.003 --> 00:06:46.115 know present barriers to the full

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00:06:46.115 --> 00:06:47.842 on time recommended vaccines that

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:47.842 --> 00:06:49.676 are that are so important to us.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:49.680 --> 00:06:51.456 Issues that will lie ahead in the fall

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:51.456 --> 00:06:53.095 and winter with respect to vaccination

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:53.095 --> 00:06:55.153 of children when we have additional data

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00:06:55.153 --> 00:06:56.628 that will support the authorization
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:56.628 --> 00:06:58.352 of vaccines for children that will
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:58.352 --> 00:06:59.978 be the next chapter will encounter,
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:06:59.980 --> 00:07:01.877 so there's a lot of work ahead,
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:01.880 --> 00:07:03.560 a lot of challenging work that requires
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:03.560 --> 00:07:05.552 the kinds of partnerships and the kinds
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:05.552 --> 00:07:07.382 of relationships that that I've already
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:07.432 --> 00:07:09.189 heard even just tonight that you have.
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:09.190 --> 00:07:10.888 That will be so important to
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:10.888 --> 00:07:12.329 helping vaccination effort here and
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:12.329 --> 00:07:13.604 throughout the state reached the
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:13.604 --> 00:07:15.430 goals that we all wanted to reach.
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:15.430 --> 00:07:16.390 But it's a time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:16.390 --> 00:07:18.410 I think of great hope and optimism,
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:18.410 --> 00:07:20.634 both with respect to the trends were seeing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:20.640 --> 00:07:21.740 Encouraging trends, not trends,

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00:07:21.740 --> 00:07:23.680 that let us let our guard down,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:23.680 --> 00:07:25.075 but trends that are nonetheless

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:25.075 --> 00:07:26.800 impressive and exciting and the continued

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:26.800 --> 00:07:28.215 progress of the vaccination effort

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00:07:28.215 --> 00:07:30.020 and what lies ahead in the spring.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:30.020 --> 00:07:31.546 So I'll pause there for now and

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:31.546 --> 00:07:33.112 and and look forward to hearing

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:33.112 --> 00:07:34.547 from Britain and sharing anything

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:34.547 --> 00:07:36.736 I can with respect to the broader

NOTE Confidence: 0.87737525

00:07:36.736 --> 00:07:38.296 vaccination story later on tonight.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:40.020 --> 00:07:42.240 Great, thanks for the overview Jason.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:42.240 --> 00:07:44.460 So my name is Rita Roy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:44.460 --> 00:07:45.808 I'm a general internist,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:45.808 --> 00:07:48.257 it yeah and the director of Population

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:48.257 --> 00:07:50.756 Health for your medicine and as part

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:50.756 --> 00:07:53.947 of that role have been part of really
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:53.947 --> 00:07:55.555 of large interdisciplinary group
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:55.560 --> 00:07:57.780 across the only haven health system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:57.780 --> 00:07:59.972 Kind of implementing the
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:07:59.972 --> 00:08:01.616 vaccine rollout strategy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:01.620 --> 00:08:04.260 You know, within our health system,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:04.260 --> 00:08:06.732 to deliver vaccines through the states
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:06.732 --> 00:08:09.539 program that Jason has nicely outlined.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:09.540 --> 00:08:12.291 So as most of you know in
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:12.291 --> 00:08:14.820 your back in mid January,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:14.820 --> 00:08:16.580 vaccines were available not
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:16.580 --> 00:08:18.780 just to health care workers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:18.780 --> 00:08:22.300 but also to older adults 75 and older,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:22.300 --> 00:08:24.164 and so recognizing that,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:24.164 --> 00:08:26.960 in addition to the sheer numbers
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:27.048 --> 00:08:29.340 of people that that we knew,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:29.340 --> 00:08:32.260 we would need to vaccinate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:32.260 --> 00:08:34.320 Across the state over the

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:34.320 --> 00:08:35.556 next several months,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:35.560 --> 00:08:37.780 Yale New Haven really launched

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:37.780 --> 00:08:39.556 their first Max vaccination

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:39.556 --> 00:08:41.738 sites where we can back state.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:41.740 --> 00:08:44.617 I mean, thousands of people a day,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:44.620 --> 00:08:47.916 so we have three sites in New Haven.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:47.920 --> 00:08:50.797 Now two in the New London area,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:50.800 --> 00:08:53.032 two in the Bridgeport Milford area

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:53.032 --> 00:08:55.740 and one in the Greenwich area.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:55.740 --> 00:08:58.275 'cause those are the locations

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:08:58.275 --> 00:09:00.810 of our main hospital sites.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:00.810 --> 00:09:02.680 At those sites we administer

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:02.680 --> 00:09:05.123 all all types of vaccines that

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:05.123 --> 00:09:06.629 are currently available.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:06.630 --> 00:09:07.047 Currently,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:07.047 --> 00:09:09.549 our primary allocation has been Pfizer,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:09.550 --> 00:09:12.870 so most of the sites are giving Pfizer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:12.870 --> 00:09:15.862 We do get a little bit of Moderna
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:15.862 --> 00:09:18.947 and that's provided at one of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:18.947 --> 00:09:21.692 Bridgeport sites and we expect to
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:21.692 --> 00:09:24.513 get more Janssen or JNJ next month,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:24.520 --> 00:09:27.425 and we'll schedule those at that time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:27.430 --> 00:09:29.730 There's only one vaccine given
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:29.730 --> 00:09:31.570 on each particular day.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:31.570 --> 00:09:32.930 At each particular site,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:32.930 --> 00:09:34.290 but when people schedule,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:34.290 --> 00:09:36.354 they can see what's being given
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:36.354 --> 00:09:39.049 in if they want to make a choice.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:39.050 --> 00:09:41.090 Although we do recommend really just,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:41.090 --> 00:09:41.772 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:41.772 --> 00:09:43.477 getting whatever is available as

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:43.477 --> 00:09:46.331 soon as you can get it because all

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:46.331 --> 00:09:48.096 the vaccines are highly effective

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:48.168 --> 00:09:49.629 at preventing hospitalization

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:49.629 --> 00:09:51.577 and death from COVID-19.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:51.580 --> 00:09:53.224 And so you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:53.224 --> 00:09:56.242 we've really kind of been ramping up

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:56.242 --> 00:09:59.008 our capacity at these various sites

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:09:59.008 --> 00:10:02.013 as allocation has increased as Jason

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:02.013 --> 00:10:05.085 mention over the past several months.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:05.090 --> 00:10:06.503 And next month,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:06.503 --> 00:10:08.858 you'll New Haven health system

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:08.858 --> 00:10:11.706 is expecting that we would get

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:11.706 --> 00:10:13.526 probably roughly 10,000 doses

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:13.526 --> 00:10:16.278 each week of Pfizer and Moderna,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:16.280 --> 00:10:19.087 and then we are waiting to hear
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:19.087 --> 00:10:22.115 how much jam Center or Johnson
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:22.115 --> 00:10:23.846 and Johnson vaccine.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:23.850 --> 00:10:25.866 We'll be sort of getting on top of
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:25.866 --> 00:10:28.240 that so we can schedule appropriately.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:28.240 --> 00:10:30.940 Overall.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:30.940 --> 00:10:32.420 Our process of scheduling,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:32.420 --> 00:10:33.160 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:33.160 --> 00:10:35.645 has been very efficient and
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:35.645 --> 00:10:38.130 then it's been on line.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:38.130 --> 00:10:40.657 And it's it's an open scheduling site.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:40.660 --> 00:10:43.019 You don't have to be a patient
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:43.019 --> 00:10:45.368 with all New Haven to happen.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:45.370 --> 00:10:46.818 Vaccine appointment with us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:46.818 --> 00:10:48.990 Anyone can go on and schedule,

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:48.990 --> 00:10:51.132 but you know there are a lot

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:51.132 --> 00:10:52.953 of people really clamoring for

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:52.953 --> 00:10:55.443 for the vaccines and so our

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:55.443 --> 00:10:57.219 appointments vanish very quickly

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:57.219 --> 00:10:59.404 on that publicly available site.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:10:59.410 --> 00:11:03.496 So one challenge where we're really

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:03.496 --> 00:11:08.499 working to address is to make sure that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:08.500 --> 00:11:10.208 Are more vulnerable populations

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:10.208 --> 00:11:11.916 made like refugee populations

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:11.916 --> 00:11:14.220 but also other low income

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:14.220 --> 00:11:15.609 and underrepresented minority

NOTE Confidence: 0.7927377

00:11:15.609 --> 00:11:17.461 populations still have access

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:17.528 --> 00:11:18.869 to getting vaccinated?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:18.870 --> 00:11:22.062 In other words, we don't want you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:22.062 --> 00:11:24.456 know everyone from more affluent

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:24.456 --> 00:11:27.711 areas that have the means and access

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:27.711 --> 00:11:31.155 to be jumping in line in front of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:31.155 --> 00:11:34.047 those who really are probably at

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:34.047 --> 00:11:37.341 higher risk of not just contracting

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:37.341 --> 00:11:40.400 covid but deaths from covid so.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:40.400 --> 00:11:42.808 We do have mechanisms to kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:42.808 --> 00:11:44.681 protect some of our appointments

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:44.681 --> 00:11:47.341 for people that live in what we

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:47.341 --> 00:11:49.668 call socially vulnerable areas,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:49.670 --> 00:11:51.728 and actually that the state has

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:51.728 --> 00:11:54.383 done a very nice job of identifying

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:54.383 --> 00:11:56.789 those areas across the state that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:56.789 --> 00:11:59.339 are the most socially vulnerable,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:11:59.340 --> 00:12:02.180 and so we can help make sure that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:02.180 --> 00:12:04.589 that people from those communities do

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:04.589 --> 00:12:07.800 in fact get access to the vaccines,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:07.800 --> 00:12:11.536 either at one of our mass vaccination sites.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:11.540 --> 00:12:14.214 Or we are also starting to be

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:14.214 --> 00:12:17.268 able to go out to communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:17.270 --> 00:12:20.021 So we've started doing a number of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:20.021 --> 00:12:22.569 pop up clinics in partnerships,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:22.570 --> 00:12:25.650 mostly with churches in the New Haven,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:25.650 --> 00:12:28.164 Bridgeport and New London areas where

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:28.164 --> 00:12:30.500 we can actually administer vaccines.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:30.500 --> 00:12:34.712 You know at that church for members of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:34.712 --> 00:12:37.996 congregation or others that live in the area.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:38.000 --> 00:12:41.624 Also, if people happen to come up and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:41.630 --> 00:12:43.160 And see that we're doing

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:43.160 --> 00:12:44.384 that and wanted vaccine,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:44.390 --> 00:12:46.539 and we can accommodate them right then.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:46.540 --> 00:12:49.270 We can get them scheduled at one of our other

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:49.335 --> 00:12:52.063 sites and we're trying to expand that effort.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:52.070 --> 00:12:54.010 You know, again, in partnership

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:54.010 --> 00:12:55.950 with a number of organizations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:55.950 --> 00:12:58.380 We're also now able to vaccinate

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:12:58.380 --> 00:13:00.005 homebound patients because, again,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:00.005 --> 00:13:02.840 they really can't come to our clinics,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:02.840 --> 00:13:05.496 so we're trying to go go to them

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:05.496 --> 00:13:08.186 and then we're working with a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:08.186 --> 00:13:10.130 number of outreach workers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:10.130 --> 00:13:12.235 Community based organizations really just

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:12.235 --> 00:13:15.589 to get the word out about the vaccines

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:15.589 --> 00:13:18.340 in the safety and effectiveness of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:18.414 --> 00:13:21.116 vaccines because we know there are a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:21.116 --> 00:13:23.106 number of subgroups and communities

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:23.106 --> 00:13:25.997 that have less confidence in the vaccine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:26.000 --> 00:13:30.752 And having a conversation with them

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:30.752 --> 00:13:33.920 about the safety effectiveness.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:33.920 --> 00:13:36.120 Among diverse populations is really,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:36.120 --> 00:13:37.070 really critical,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:37.070 --> 00:13:40.395 and we find that actually just having

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:40.395 --> 00:13:43.806 those those open and honest conversations.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:43.810 --> 00:13:44.620 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:44.620 --> 00:13:47.455 tends to make people much more confident

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:47.455 --> 00:13:50.249 about vaccine and willing to schedule,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:50.250 --> 00:13:51.222 so those are,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:51.222 --> 00:13:54.324 I think some of the you know relevant

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:54.324 --> 00:13:55.818 outreach activities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:55.820 --> 00:13:58.478 You know we're really excited actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:13:58.478 --> 00:14:00.540 to have scheduling open up,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:00.540 --> 00:14:02.710 and we're really excited that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:02.710 --> 00:14:04.880 that the vaccine allocation will

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:04.950 --> 00:14:06.980 be increasing here very soon.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:06.980 --> 00:14:09.976 And I think everyone is looking forward

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:09.976 --> 00:14:13.528 to that, so I'll stop there and see.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8644601

00:14:13.530 --> 00:14:14.974 What questions people have.