

## Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR WAYNE BENJAMIN

Welcome to another newsletter from the District Governor. Do you realize how difficult it is to write something positive with all the negative news out there about this pandemic? We are all told to be positive but these are trying times. Here's one!

I am on the 'task force' for getting the word out to the citizens of Kent County about updates on the Covid-19 vaccine. In this county, and I assume throughout the nine eastern shore counties, we have a major problem getting everyone registered to get the vaccine.

Registration is necessary to get the vaccines administered in a timely fashion, answering questions concerning the vaccine and being sure everyone gets the second necessary dose of vaccine at the recommended time. Registration will cause problems as you can imagine. Many folks, especially our elderly, do not have internet service or are uncomfortable using it. We need volunteers who can assist with registering and making appointments as our health care workers will be overwhelmed with testing and administering the vaccine.

At the current time, the health departments are vaccinating the 1A priority group; health professionals and first responders. Once they move into other priority groups most folks will need to go to the local health departments or a vaccination clinic set-up in the outlying areas of the county. Either way, transportation will be a problem. Eventually vaccines will be available at the local drug stores and doctor's offices but that is a long way down the road.

I am suggesting to those of you who might be able to help, to contact your local county health departments. You may know of folks in your community who will need help with registration or transportation.

If you are interested in assisting in Kent County, please forward me your name and email address. I will work with my contact at the KCHD to set-up a conference call and/or training.

What an admirable service you will be doing for your vulnerable seniors. Another relevant service project for 22-B.

~DG Wayne Benjamin~

