**COVID Vaccine Info for My Patients**

This one is for the past, current, and future patients of Village Apothecary.

It's the honor of my professional career to be able to efficiently provide my patients and community members with this vaccine. My first ever 10K won't be a run, but the 10K people—customers or not—I've set as a personal goal to immunize against the COVID-19 virus.

It was my intention to identify the highest risk patients that are CURRENTLY under my care and ensure the early supplies of vaccines are directed to them, as I have their data, the relationship, and they've trusted and selected me as an important member of their healthcare team for so long.

Think about it: I've helped them solve and prevent health-related problems with medicines, food, supplements, and vaccines for a decade here in hippieville and 16 years total. I've consoled them when spouses or parents die. I've been there for their health setbacks and victories.

My intentions make sense to literally everyone with a few brain cells to rub together.

Here's the rub: The NYS agreement for providing COVID vaccine states I have to offer it to everyone openly and equally.

That's not a problem; that's great! I don't want people excluding people and hoarding doses. I want them to get it out to whomever, which is exactly what we did to get rid of our first 100 doses.

**The problem, for me personally, is that it is first come, first served.**

Here's why: now that 1B represents 65+, there's a REAL GOOD CHANCE that someone who is younger and relatively healthy—but quick on the draw with computers—can get into our clinic before a less-healthy 82 year old.

I fundamentally disagree with this.

I also disagree with the fact that it was one of our neighbors who made the call to NYS with claims of favoritism or exclusion. All because they weren't in that lottery draw of getting the very first doses offered to the community.

I say that to say this: I will absolutely follow the agreement with NYS and I am very happy to.

Because, IF I LOSE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE VACCINE, WE ALL SUFFER.

Therefore, my patients must know that I am bound to this.

**\*\*There will be non-Village Apothecary patients that WILL be getting doses before you.\*\***

It's not me.

Don't look at this as a setback, but a clarification. I'm trying and will use everything in my power to keep it equitable and accessible, as I have from the beginning.

I absolutely CANNOT WAIT to immunize thousands of area residents. Patience, everyone! This is a scientific miracle!