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<u>Duplication Of Appointments For COVID – 19 Vaccine Shots</u>

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues its grip on the United States and our community, it is vitally important that everyone protect themselves by getting vaccinated.

Patience is a big part of the process. Scheduling only one appointment at one location is also tantamount for medical professionals to vaccinate as many individuals as possible in a timely fashion.

The Lackawanna County Commissioners, their Human Services Department and their Area Agency on Aging caution all residents from signing-up on multiple lists at multiple locations. This is compounding the problem for vaccine providers as they move through their waiting lists, trying to serve as many people as possible. Multiple sign-ups take away spots from other consumers.

To that end, if you did sign-up at multiple locations, and got the vaccine, please make sure that you cancel the other appointments to free-up the time slots so more can be served.

The best avenue for one to take is that if you are a patient or customer of any medical group, doctor, or pharmacy, add yourself to one of their lists.

Streamlining the process to quickly serve a large number of people and help keep everyone healthy is the goal of the vaccination program. Inundating the system does not allow the process to move forward.