

## **Valley Hospital Kurth Cottage FAQ by Janet Isenberg who got her vaccination done at this site**

223 N Van Dien Ave, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**Where do I park?** Enter Valley Hospital at the Main entrance on Van Dien Street. A security card will take your name, check your appointment, tell you where to park and whether you can go right in or need to wait in your car.

**What if I have mobility issues?** While I wasn't paying attention to the details, my recollection is that Kurth Cottage is wheelchair accessible. I don't remember any steps where there was not a ramp as an alternative. I did see people in wheelchairs who did not have any issues getting around.

### **General review of the vaccination process**

- When I arrived, there was no line outside. I was able to walk right in.
- You will be greeted in the foyer and your appointment will be checked a second time. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer and your temperature will be taken by a remote device. This person will hand you two documents – a authorization sheet that you will sign in front of the nurse, and a two-page guide to the vaccine you will be receiving.
- You will then be sent to sit across a plexiglass divider from a clerical person who will request your ID and insurance card. When I arrived, there was no backup. This person will check you in and schedule your second vaccine. You will be required to come on a specific date, but they are flexible with the times. Appointments start at 7:15 am. They will write your appointment on your papers.
- Then you will be handed off to a nurse who will escort you to her private cubby for giving shots. There were two nurses waiting for their next patient when I was ready, so there was no wait. You will be asked several questions about recent vaccines, recent health and your allergies. If you have drug allergies, you will be given a red sticker and be asked to wait for 30 minutes after getting your vaccine. You will get your injection, a Band-aid and your Vaccine Card, which you will need to keep in a safe place.
- Once done, you will be escorted to the waiting area, where you will check in. The nurse there will let you know when you are free to leave. You will leave from this area and not walk back through the injection area.

### **General information**

- **Kurth Cottage is a small building and easily navigated.**
  
- **Everyone there is friendly and there to help!** The volunteers who staff the facility are extremely kind and helpful. Should you have need of a chair or to use the bathroom, you simply need to get their attention and they will gladly assist you.