

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Distribution**

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As you know, Atlantic Health System is partnering with the NJDOH to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals. The process has been somewhat challenging thus far, due to a national shortage and limited vaccine shipments. We understand that this has been frustrating, and like you, we want to see everyone who is eligible receive vaccine as quickly as the supply allows.

At this time, we strongly recommend that you access the dedicated COVID-19 vaccine web page on the AHS website at <a href="www.atlantichealth.org/covidvaccine">www.atlantichealth.org/covidvaccine</a>. The page features the latest updates on who is eligible to receive vaccine and includes the ability to register for alerts when vaccine appointments become available to schedule.

- Pre-registration for appointment alerts will ensure that those who are eligible, according to NJDOH clinical criteria, are notified as appointments become available through the Atlantic Health System clinics.
- When registering for appointment alerts, the registration form includes this question: Are you a family member of an Atlantic Health System employee or medical staff? If yes, please be sure to check the Medical Staff Family Member box and include who you are related to as asked.
- New vaccine locations, including additional Atlantic Health System clinics, are in development and will be available soon.
- Because there is a limited supply of vaccine, appointments are filling up extraordinarily quickly. Please know that as more vaccine becomes available, more appointments will be available.
- A complete list of who is currently eligible to receive vaccine in the state of New Jersey can be found at the NJ.gov website.

A list of additional community-based vaccination sites across the state can be found at: <a href="mailto:covid19.nj.gov">covid19.nj.gov</a> Thanks for your partnership and patience as we navigate this vaccination process together to protect the communities we serve.

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Timing**

Atlantic Health System is working closely with the state of New Jersey to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals.

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The state of NJ is rolling out COVID-19 vaccines in a step-by-step process to serve all adults who live, work, or are being educated in the state, and the plan will continually be updated in response to the changing circumstances of the pandemic.

As per the state's plan, vaccinations are currently available to:

- Individuals in Phase 1A This group includes paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings
  who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials as well as
  residents and staff of long-term congregate settings.
- Sworn law enforcement (police officers and others), fire professionals, other first responders
- Individuals aged 65 and older
- Individuals ages 16-64 with medical conditions, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and
   Prevention (CDC), that increase the risk of severe illness from the virus, including Cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, obesity, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes and smoking.

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, your first step is to pre-register for appointment alerts with Atlantic Health System at <a href="https://www.atlantichealth.org/covidvaccine">www.atlantichealth.org/covidvaccine</a>

Pre-registration for appointment alerts will ensure you are notified as appointments become available through the Atlantic Health System clinics.

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A list of additional community-based vaccination sites across the state can be found at: https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-eligible-recipients