

COVID-19 Vaccination Update: February 10, 2021



Current Status:

As of February 8, 2021, 910,412 doses have been administered to residents and over 1.2 million have been shipped to the Commonwealth. The State is picking up the pace and are on track to have over one million people vaccinated soon. Over 70% of total doses shipped to Massachusetts have been reported into the state's database as administered.

Vaccine Capacity Update / New Sites Announcement:

Massachusetts is continuing to add appointments at vaccination sites statewide. On February 11, 2021 at 8:30AM: 53,000 new appointments at mass vaccination sites (Eastfield Mall in Springfield, Gillette Stadium, and Fenway Park) will be posted online. Over the course of this week, over 50,000 pharmacy appointments will be added on a regular/daily basis and another 14,000 appointments will be added at 35 community health centers across the state. Other provider sites, like health care providers and local vaccine clinics, are adding almost 40,000 appointments over the course of this week.

All appointments can be scheduled online by visiting <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine> . Or, residents 75 and older can call 2-1-1 to get help booking an appointment if they're unable to use the website. Please help us share this resource with our elderly populations who are eligible!

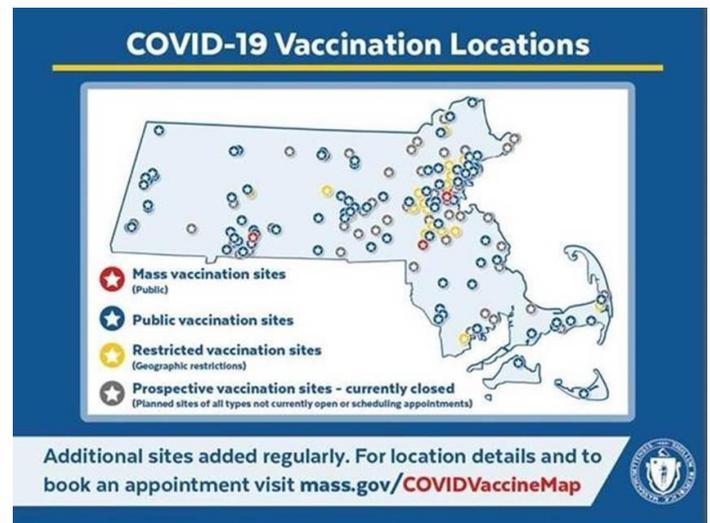
Local eligible residents 75 and older can also contact their town's Council on Aging for assistance or booking for local vaccine clinics. Please remember, the vaccine supply remains constrained in Massachusetts and nationally, resulting in a limited availability of appointments.

ALL SITES STILL REQUIRE APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE DO NOT VISIT A SITE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.

Massachusetts is continuing to add capacity through mass vaccination sites—which are high output locations where vaccines can be administered quickly and efficiently. Two new mass vaccination sites will open later this month: one in Natick at the Natick Mall on February 22, and the other in Dartmouth at Circuit City, on February 24th. Both sites will be open to all eligible residents and will start with about 500 doses a day, scaling up at the Dartmouth site to about 2,000 doses per day, and the Natick site will scale up to about 3,000 doses. Appointments for both new sites will be available to book on Mass.Gov beginning next Thursday, February 18.

75+ Caregiver Eligibility:

Some elderly people might be hesitant to go to a mass vaccination location without a relative or a caregiver. To support more 75 and older residents getting to a mass vac site, the state has announced a new policy to allow one caregiver to join a 75-plus resident and also schedule their own appointment for a vaccine at the same time. Any caregiver is eligible to receive the vaccine at the same time as the 75 and older resident, provided they have an appointment. **This policy change applies specifically to the mass vaccination locations only at this time.** This policy goes into effect on Thursday, February 11th. It is not applicable for appointments that have already been booked. Caregivers will be required to self-attest that they are accompanying a 75-plus resident who could not otherwise get to or navigate the vaccination site when they fill out the attestation form. Appointments for 75-plus residents and their caregivers should be scheduled for the same day, as close together as possible. If both the caregiver and 75-plus resident are unable to use or have difficulty accessing the internet, they may call 2-1-1 for assistance booking both appointments.



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