

COVID-19 Update for Devens: April 7, 2021



VACCINE UPDATE:

Eligibility: On Monday, April 5th, residents 55+ **and** any residents with one certain **medical condition*** will be eligible to receive vaccine at any of the Commonwealth's over 300 vaccination locations, including 269 pharmacy locations. With this group, more than 1 million additional residents will be eligible for vaccine in the Commonwealth. The Administration was informed early this week of a one-time increased shipment of 100,000 J&J vaccines that will arrive in the state early next week.

**The state has expanded the list of the list of medical conditions that cause individuals to be at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, so make sure you review [this list](#) to see if you are eligible for the vaccine now.*

Preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Sign up to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination location.



There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Everyone, regardless of which phase you are in, can now preregister for an appointment at one of the seven mass vaccination sites at VaccineSignUp.mass.gov. It is quick and easy. **Natick Mall appears to be the closest Mass Vaccination site to Devens with availability**
- Use VaxFinder.mass.gov to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations.



By April 19, 2021, everyone in Massachusetts 16 years of age and older will be eligible for the vaccine and more doses and locations will be available, so hang in there! We are excited to be turning the corner in this pandemic but in the meantime, please continue to practice social distancing, wear your mask and wash your hands frequently!

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

STEP 1 of PHASE IV: Effective March 22, 2021, Massachusetts has advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the reopening plan. [Complete details can be found here.](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Support for Residences: Everyone has a role to play in helping to fight this pandemic. While the vaccine rollout continues, please continue to do your part by respecting social distance protocols, washing your hands frequently, and wearing a mask at all times when outside or in public settings. Additional prevention and treatment resources are available at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment>

Additional support for Businesses: Remember, everything your employees do outside of work can impact the staff and business when they come to work. Encourage staff to have lunch/breaks separately and avoid carpooling. Improve ventilation in your establishment by opening windows and doors where feasible. Resources and information for funding available to small businesses hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as workforce training efforts, can be found [here.](#)

STAY SAFE!

The Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC), acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health for Devens, continues to monitor the situation in Devens in collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, the Devens Public Safety Officer (Devens Fire Chief Tim Kelly), and MassDevelopment. **For immediate questions and concerns, residents and businesses can dial 2-1-1.** Any Questions for the DEC can be directed to 978.772.8831.