

COVID-19 Update for Devens: March 17, 2021

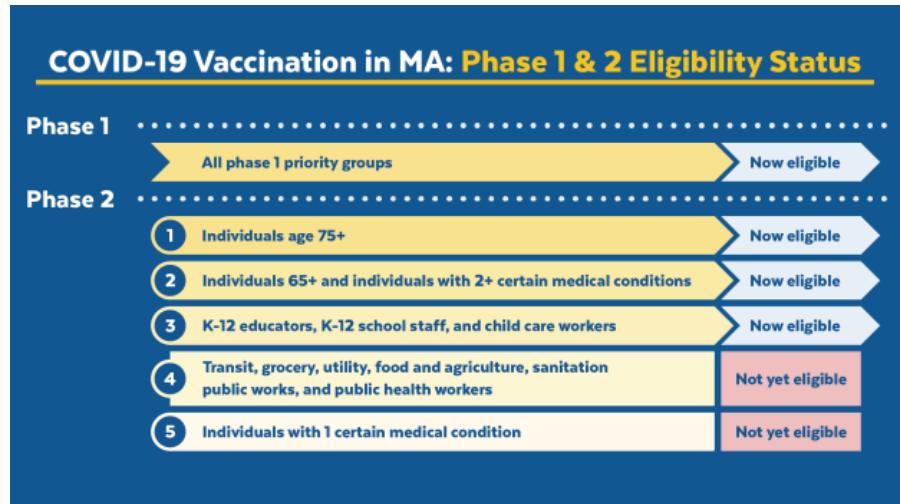


VACCINE UPDATE:

Everyone in Phase 1, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 65-74, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, and K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine now.

There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Tired of searching the web for available appointments? 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's very quick and easy. The 7 mass vaccination locations are: Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium, Reggie Lewis Center, DoubleTree Hotel in Danvers, Eastfield Mall in Springfield, Natick Mall and former Circuit City in Dartmouth. More locations will be added to the system in April. Once you sign up for preregistration, you'll receive weekly status updates. You can opt out at any time if you find an appointment elsewhere. Once an appointment is available, you'll be contacted with the opportunity to book the appointment and have 24 hours to accept it.
- Use VaxFinder.mass.gov to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations.



Massachusetts has received assurances from the federal government that an increased vaccine supply will be available to states soon. The vaccine eligibility timeline for the remaining groups is as follows:

- 3/22/21: Residents 60+ and certain workers
- 4/5/21: Residents 55+ and residents with one certain medical condition
- 4/19/21: General public ages 16 years of age and older

Have questions or concerns about the vaccine? View the [latest vaccine updates](#), including information about vaccine safety; the **Weekly MA COVID-19 Vaccination Report** on vaccine supply distribution and administration; and information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Right now there is still high demand and limited supply, it may take several weeks to get an appointment or to be notified that an appointment is available.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT:

While we are making great progress, capacity limits and public health restrictions remain in place. Provided public health metrics continue to improve, effective on March 22nd, all communities in Massachusetts will move into Step 1 of Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan. Please continue to do your part by **wearing masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, avoid contact outside of your immediate household, wash hands frequently, and respect social distancing**. You can find more information at:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

EMPLOYERS:

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](#).

HOPING FOR A LITTLE LUCK OF THE IRISH TO HELP GET US ALL SAFELY THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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.

