



LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Health Department

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COVID-19 Vaccination Update for Livingston County

HOWELL, Michigan. - (January 21, 2021) While the COVID-19 vaccine supply remains constrained, Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has received enough doses this week to open a limited number of appointments to a group of randomly identified residents age 65 and older and some essential workers. LCHD continues vaccinating individuals within Phases 1A and 1B of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) phased vaccination approach as supplies allow.

How Vaccine Distribution Works

COVID-19 vaccine supply is extremely limited at the local level. Hospital Systems and local health departments continue to receive small allotments from the state. CVS and Walgreens are also receiving doses through a federal partnership to vaccinate residents within nursing homes.

As improvements are made to the distribution plan developed by the federal government and the supply of vaccine increases, many local healthcare providers and local pharmacies will also provide vaccinations. Future plans to establish large vaccination sites are in progress. The goal is for residents to have multiple options to receive a vaccine. Unfortunately, that is not possible at this time.

How can I get invited to schedule a vaccine appointment?

LCHD's distribution of COVID-19 vaccines is based on guidance from MDHHS (<https://bit.ly/3rjXvKU>). LCHD is currently vaccinating phases 1A through 1B identified in the guidance, which includes health care workers, residents in long-term care facilities, individuals aged 65 and older, and some frontline workers. We are working closely with local health systems and other community partners to best ensure every person in our community will have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. If you live or work in Livingston County, Michigan:

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- Individuals should first check their healthcare system's website to see if vaccination is available through them.
- If vaccine is unavailable through your primary healthcare provider, complete our online COVID-19 Vaccination Interest Form found here: <https://bit.ly/3nvJZk6>. Individuals without internet access can call 211 for assistance in filling out the form.
- After completing the form, LCHD will contact you when able to offer you an appointment. It may take several days or weeks for LCHD to send a link to register.
- To ensure the equitable distribution of the vaccine, LCHD is extending invitations to schedule a vaccine appointment to a select number of randomly identified community members who have completed the COVID-19 Vaccination Interest Form.
- Community members will receive vaccine appointment invitations in phases to ensure a seamless experience at our vaccine clinics, and to ensure adequate vaccine supply.

We are committed to administering our vaccine supply as quickly and safely as possible, and hope to reach all Livingston County residents age 65 and older and select essential workers in the next several months. If you are eligible for vaccination, it does not mean vaccination is immediately available to you. Over 25,000 individuals living or working in Livingston County have signed up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; however, the current vaccine supply does not meet this demand.

We appreciate everyone's patience. We know it can be frustrating to wait. We are working as hard as we can to get as many people vaccinated with the resources we have. Our staff is focused on providing vaccinations, but we are working to answer individual emails and calls as quickly as possible. Responses may be delayed. Updated information is available at <https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Pages/COVID19-Vaccine.aspx>.

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