

Town of Fairfield News

3/1/2021 - COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE - NEW ELIGIBILITY (3.1.21 Update)

Vaccine Information:

As of the end of February 26, the Fairfield Health Department administered 9,684 vaccines to those eligible and the department has an additional 4,711 appointments scheduled over the next 4 weeks. We are proud to say that not one vaccine has been wasted or unused since the Health Department's clinics opened in January.

The Fairfield Health Department's vaccine clinic continues to fill up their appointments. The department can only schedule as many appointments as vaccines are provided by the State. Please keep in mind Fairfield residents are able to book appointments at clinics throughout the State.

If you are having difficulty scheduling your appointment through VAMS, here are some links that may be helpful: [VAMS Navigation Instructions](#) and How to [Create your VAMS Account](#) and [Schedule Your First Appointment](#).

- Yale New Haven Health - If your Doctor is affiliated with Yale New Haven Health you can create an appointment through [MyChart](#).
- Hartford HealthCare - Hartford HealthCare is taking vaccination appointments for their location at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport. For more information, you can find it [here](#).
- Stamford Hospital - You can check your eligibility and schedule an appointment with Stamford Hospital. For more information, please click [here](#).
- While there are no locations in the direct Fairfield area, there are currently 12 Walgreens pharmacies in CT that are accepting COVID-19 vaccination appointments. For more information and a list of these locations please visit their [website](#).

Eligible residents for the COVID-19 vaccinations include:

- **Healthcare personnel**
- **Medical first responders**
- **Long-term care facility residents**
- **Residents and staff of select congregate settings**
- **Individuals 55 and older**
- **Educators and Childcare Providers**

Individuals in these groups are the only ones who should be scheduling appointments at this time.

Phase 1a individuals include:

- * Healthcare Personnel: all paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials.
- * Long Term Care Facility Residents: adults who reside in facilities that provide a range of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.
- * First Responders at risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their responses to medical emergencies such as Emergency Medical Technicians, Police, and Fire.
- * Residents and Staff of select congregate settings: Staff and residents of halfway homes, inpatient mental health facilities, correction facilities, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, substance use and residential treatment facilities along with others.

Educators and Childcare Providers:

***Those who are Pre-K-12 Teachers, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, food service providers, school bus drivers and childcare providers as well as in-school administrative staff.** Does not include individuals who are not required to work on-site in a school.

Phase 1b individuals:

- *Those who are 55 years old.** Proof of age will be required at the clinic.
- *Residents and staff of select congregate settings.

If you fall under Phase 1a or you are an Educator or Childcare Provider, you should receive information from your employer or school administrators on how to register for vaccine appointments. For those in the Phase 1b category of 55 and older, you should complete the State form below:

State Form - 55 & Older

Vaccine Eligibility Schedule:

Monday, February 22nd, Governor Lamont announced that the State will continue with an age-based approach to expanding eligibility to the vaccine. With this announcement, he released a schedule for age-based eligibility for the next several months. By laying out a clear timeline for eligibility for the vaccine, the strategy allows everyone in the State, including essential workers and those with chronic conditions, to know when they will be able to schedule an appointment. The planned schedule is as follows:

- **March 1, 2021:** Expands to age group 55 to 64
- **March 22, 2021:** Expands to age group 45 to 54

- **April 12, 2021:** Expands to age group 35 to 44
- **May 3, 2021:** Expands to age group 16 to 34

In addition to the age-based eligibility, preK-12 school staff and teachers, and professional childcare providers will be eligible to receive the vaccine starting March 1st. These individuals should receive information from their school administrators or employers on how to register for a vaccine appointment.

If you want to check your eligibility, click on the blue button labeled "CT Vaccination Phases & Eligibility" below:

CT Vaccination Phases & Eligibility

Fairfield's COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 203-256-3082.

If you are a Fairfield resident who is currently eligible but does not have the ability to schedule an appointment via the computer, you can call our COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center where a volunteer will assist you in obtaining an appointment.

With thanks to our new Director of the Bigelow Center for Senior Services, Brenda Steele, and the [CERT](#) volunteers staffing it each day, the phone line is targeted to provide support and guidance for eligible vaccine recipients. **The call center is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and voicemails will be returned when calls come in outside the operating hours.

The State Appointment Assistance Hotline is 1-877-918-2224 is available for assistance. [Click here for the State Fact Sheet](#) about the vaccine.

We will continue to post the latest information on the [Town website](#), and the social media pages for the Health Department, the Town of Fairfield and my office. For a full listing of those social media pages, [click here](#).

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