

Town of Fairfield News

3/15/2021 - COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE - NEW ELIGIBILITY (3.15.21 Update)

Vaccine Information:

As of March 12th, the Fairfield Health Department administered 12,870 vaccines to those eligible and the department has an additional 3,548 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 locations at Sacred Heart University and 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](#).
- Walgreens - There are limited Walgreens Pharmacies who are offering COVID-19 vaccinations throughout CT. For more information and a list of their locations, please see their [website](#).
- CVS - There are limited CVS Pharmacies who are offering COVID-19 vaccinations throughout CT. For more information and a list of their locations, please see their [website](#).

Please be aware of two COVID-19 vaccine scams circulating. One scam is a phone call, email, or letter from a vaccine manufacturer (Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson, or Moderna) asking for:

1. Social Security Number to help you get a vaccine appointment.

You should NEVER give out your Social Security number for the vaccine.

2. Offering cash rewards or gift cards in exchange for completing a survey. The survey asks for

personal information, such as your date of birth and insurance information.
The vaccine manufacturers will never contact you directly to gather information.

For accurate and regularly updated information about the COVID Vaccine, please visit the
Fairfield Health Department Vaccine update page: <https://www.fairfieldct.org/news/?FeedID=4155>.

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 45 and older
- Educators/Staff in preK-12 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, childcare providers ,as well as in-school administrative staff.** Does not include individuals who are not required to work on-site in a school.

Fairfield Health Department has already provided over 1,800 vaccination appointments to education/childcare staff with over 1,050 receiving their 1st dose this past week. While additional educator/childcare dedicated clinics will be offered when additional vaccine is received, those eligible can make appointments to be vaccinated at any available clinic in the state.

Phase 1b individuals:

***Those who are 45 years old.** Proof of age will be required at the clinic.

*Residents and staff of select congregate settings.

If you fall under Phase 1a, an Educator/Staff in preK-12, or a 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 45 and older, you should complete the State form below:

State Form - 45 & Older

Vaccine Eligibility Schedule:

Monday, March 15th, Governor Lamont announced that he is accelerating Connecticut's age-based rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine to proceed on a quicker schedule than was originally anticipated when it was announced last month. The revised schedule, which tentatively plans for the vaccine to expand to all adults over the age of 16 by April 5, comes as the state was informed by the Biden administration that it should anticipate receiving a significant increase in supplies of all three federally authorized vaccines over the next several weeks. Connecticut continues to rank among the top five states in the nation in the percentage of population that has been vaccinated.

Going forward, Connecticut's rollout of the vaccine will proceed on the following schedule:

- **March 19, 2021:** Expands to age group 45 to 54
- **April 5, 2021 (tentative) :** Expands to age group 16 to 45

**The state will work with providers and the Department of Developmental Services to accelerate access for the most medically high-risk individuals under 45 during the month of April.*

In addition to the age-based eligibility, preK-12 school staff, teachers, and professional childcare providers became 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 [CERT](#) volunteer will assist you in obtaining an appointment. 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](#).

Fairfield County COVID-19 Vaccine Survey: Fairfield County leaders are inviting community members to share their opinions about COVID-19 vaccines. By taking the COVID-19 Vaccine Survey, you'll help us better understand the needs of our community during the pandemic and beyond. Please take a few minutes to complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Survey by clicking [here](#).

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