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COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution for Phase 1B Populations to Begin in Huron County

NORWALK, Ohio – In conjunction with Ohio’s statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B starting next week, Huron County Emergency Management Agency (HCEMA) and Huron County Public Health (HCPH) would like to provide Huron County residents with an update on COVID-19 vaccine availability.

We are less than one week away from beginning Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Huron County. Following Ohio’s phased approach, we will begin to distribute vaccine to those residents most at-risk. Beginning January 19, Ohioans aged 80 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Huron County. Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccine rollout and eligibility is as follows:

- Week of January 19: Ohioans aged 80+
- Week of January 25
 - Ohioans aged 75+
 - Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders that make them particularly vulnerable
- Week of February 1
 - Ohioans aged 70+
 - Employees of K-12 school districts planning to return to class March 1
- Week of February 8: Ohioans aged 65+



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Unfortunately, the demand for the vaccine remains greater than the available supply currently. Earlier this week, we learned that Huron County's six vaccine providers have been allocated approximately 700 total doses of vaccine across all providers for the week of January 19th. This quantity of vaccine allocated to Huron County by the Ohio Department of Health is subject to change on a weekly basis.

A list of all COVID-19 providers allocated vaccine for the week of January 19, 2021 in Huron County can be found in the attached chart. This chart also contains information about provider locations, cost, and how to sign-up for a vaccine. A statewide vaccine provider search will also be available at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov starting sometime today.

In advance of this vaccine rollout, we would like to address some frequently asked questions (FAQs) about COVID-19 vaccine, in hopes to alleviate some questions and concerns:

- “What are the specific severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders that qualify eligibility for Phase 1B?”
 - The specific disorders as outlined by the Ohio Department of Health are as follows: cerebral palsy; spina bifida; congenital heart disease; type 1 diabetes; inherited metabolic disorders; severe neurologic disorders including epilepsy; severe genetic disorders including Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Prader Willi Syndrome, Turner Syndrome; severe lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma; sickle cell anemia; and alpha- and beta-thalassemia.
- “What if I can't afford to pay to receive the vaccine?”
 - The vaccine has been paid for with your tax dollars. There is not an out-of-pocket cost to receive the vaccine whether you are insured or uninsured unless designated by the provider in the chart attached. Some vaccine providers in Huron County may bill your health insurance an administration fee, ask your provider for details.
- “I don't fall into Phase 1B. When will the next phase start?”
 - Since vaccine supply is limited, Ohio has made vaccine available based on a phased approach, starting with those at greatest risk. We are following state guidelines, and the state has not yet announced the next phase.
- “If I recently had COVID, how soon can I get the vaccine?”
 - The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends waiting to receive the vaccine until after the illness has resolved, and after you have met the criteria to discontinue isolation.
- “What are the side effects of the vaccine?”
 - Side effects are mild. The most common side effects include fatigue, headache, soreness or redness at the injection site, and muscle or joint pain, and should not prevent you from getting a vaccine that can prevent you from catching this deadly virus.
- “Am I immediately protected against COVID-19 after receiving the vaccination?”
 - CDC states that it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines currently available in Huron County

are a two shot series. The first shot starts building protection, but a second shot a few weeks later is needed to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer.

We ask that residents please be patient with us until a wider supply of vaccine is available. Please continue to use all the tools available to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is critical until a substantial number of our residents can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear facial coverings and social distance will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Proper prevention measures, coupled with the vaccine, will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

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HURON COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDERS

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If you would like to speak with someone who can help you join a waitlist, do not have access to the internet, are home-bound, or need assistance getting to your appointment, please contact Enrichment Centers for Huron County at 419-668-6245. Information collected by the Enrichment Center will be shared with your preferred vaccination provider. *Si necesita asistencia en conseguir una cita comuníquese con HOLA Ohio a 567-743-9673 o Starting Point Outreach Center a 419-933-4100.*

Provider	Status	Now Offering Vaccine...	Now Scheduling Individuals Who...	Out of Pocket Cost	How to Sign Up
Discount Drug Mart 201 Cline St., Norwalk	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at Discount Drug Mart's Norwalk Location	Are age 80 and over	None	Call 419-668-3024, ask for pharmacy to schedule an appointment
Discount Drug Mart 307 Walton St. W., Willard	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at Discount Drug Mart's Willard Location	Are age 80 and over	None	Call 419-935-6211, ask for pharmacy to schedule an appointment
Fisher-Titus 272 Benedict Ave., Norwalk	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at the hospital campus	Are age 80 and over	None	Any individuals eligible for Phase 1B can complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form here: https://www.fishertitus.org/coronavirus
Huron County Public Health 28 Executive Dr., Norwalk	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at HCPH's Office in Norwalk	Are age 80 and over	None	Any individuals eligible for Phase 1B can join Huron County's waitlist here: https://www.huroncohealth.com/covid19vaccine
Mercy Health – Willard Hospital 1100 Neal Zick Rd., Willard	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at the hospital campus	Are age 80 and over	None	Call Mercy Health – Willard Hospital during regular business hours (Monday through Friday) at 419-455-8501 to schedule an appointment
The Bellevue Hospital 1400 West Main St., Bellevue	Vaccinations available starting 1/19/21	By appointment only at the hospital campus	Are age 80 and over	None	Any individuals eligible for Phase 1B can join Huron County's waitlist here: https://www.huroncohealth.com/covid19vaccine

Important Notes:

- Documentation requirements for each provider vary. When scheduling your appointment, please verify what documentation (i.e. ID, insurance card, etc.) will be required.
- This list includes vaccinating agencies slated to receive vaccine the week of January 19th and is anticipated to grow as more providers receive vaccine. This chart will be updated as changes occur and updates will be posted to <https://www.huroncohealth.com/covid19vaccine>. All information in this chart was supplied by each individual provider and is subject to change.