

Information is updated daily on the states website, visit [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) for up to date information.

You may still use the [interactive state map](#) to look for vaccination locations or [click here for map](#).

The Town of North Reading Health Department is only doing 2nd dose clinics as follow up appointments for the 1st dose clients they previously served.

If someone doesn't have access to a computer they can call 211 and they will enter their contact information into the preregistration.

To make a registration for a vaccination appointment use the states [Vaxfinder](#) webpage or [click here](#). Once you find a location where you would like to schedule an appointment that site will redirect you to the preregistration web page. There you can enter your contact information and the state will stay in touch with you via phone, text or email. Once one of the state sites has vaccinations available and your number is selected by their system, then you will be contacted and you have 24 hours to respond to schedule an appointment. If you don't respond then your name is reentered into the system to get a notification. The preregistration site only is for 7 Mass State sites. You can still search elsewhere for appointments such as pharmacies and hospital clinics. If someone doesn't have access to a computer they can call 211 and they will enter their contact information into the preregistration.

To book your appointment you will start to enter your information, you will have to enter your insurance card name and member numbers. All the registration sites also ask for uploaded files of the pictures of the insurance cards. Some have a box that you can click in that says you don't have the card available and others **you can just skip over uploading the files**. You will be required to answer any questions that have a Red * and it won't let you proceed until all the questions are answered.

Due to the limited supply available in the state at this time it can be challenging to get into the appointments.

Things to consider helping find appointments outside of the registration system:

- Are you a veteran, and you are enrolled in the veteran's hospital system then call the VA hospital directly See information below on VA Hospitals
- Watch your email and phones for contact from Health Care facilities like Melrose Wakefield and Lahey and such. They have been reaching out to people as well with emails. See information Below about Mass General, Beth Israel Lahey and Melrose Wakefield hospitals.
- If you belong to a healthcare portal with your provide log in there to see if they sent messages to you for invitation for a shot. Send them an electronic message requesting if the healthcare facility is doing shots.
- Take time to look at CVS and Walgreens because their doses might get added here and there during the week

- You can call the state's 211 information line and ask to be added to one of the local general sites nearby like Danvers
- You can call your primary doctor's office and ask them to get you assigned to a clinic with the health care facility they are affiliated with the doctor's office

Beth Israel Lahey When you are eligible for vaccination under the state's plan, you can expect to receive an invitation from us by text, email or phone to schedule a vaccination appointment. Because the supply of vaccines is limited, you may not receive an invitation right away when you become eligible.

- Appointments are required, and only the person whose name is on the invitation can schedule an appointment.
- We cannot vaccinate anyone who comes with you to your appointment.
- We have several vaccine clinics across eastern Massachusetts. Vaccines aren't available at doctor's offices or hospitals.

Based on our medical records, we have identified many patients who are eligible in the current phase. However, it's possible other patients may be eligible now, because we may not have all the medical and non-medical information we need to verify their eligibility.

- **If we have identified you as eligible**, you will receive an email, text or pre-recorded phone message inviting you to schedule an appointment at one of our 10 community vaccination clinics. You may not receive the invitation right away due to limited vaccine supply.
- **If we have not identified you as eligible**, you will receive an email, text or pre-recorded phone message asking you to let us know if you believe you qualify. If you don't believe you qualify, no action is required. You may not receive this communication right away because it will be sent to patients on a rolling basis.
- **Patients will not need to contact their doctor or hospital for proof of their medical conditions.** They will just need to complete a brief form to attest that the information they provide to us is accurate.
- Even if your response to the form qualifies you right away, it still may take time for you to receive an invitation to schedule an appointment with us because of limited vaccine supply.

Melrose Wakefield Hospital If you are a patient of a Melrose Wakefield Healthcare or Tufts Medical Center Community Care, you will be contacted when you are eligible to make a vaccination appointment. Please do not call your doctor's office or the hospital to schedule an appointment.

Please be sure that your physician's office has your correct email address and/or cell phone number so you can be contacted about how to schedule your vaccine. Also, be sure you have

activated your patient portal. They will provide you with a link to our “Clockwise self-scheduling tool” so you can schedule your appointment.

Mass General Brigham is offering limited new appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine to patients who are eligible under the current phase of the state’s [vaccine distribution plan](#). Due to continued vaccine supply constraints, Massachusetts has been working to continue to streamline COVID-19 vaccine distribution and to align hospital and health system needs to support the state’s rollout.

We contact eligible patients through [Patient Gateway](#), email, or text message to schedule vaccine appointments. We are scheduling all vaccine appointments through a central scheduling center. Please do not contact your doctor’s office about vaccine appointments.

Based on supply, we invite eligible patients to schedule appointments, using a fair, random process. It may take time before you receive your invitation and are able to schedule your appointment. Please be patient. We are working closely with state officials to ensure that we receive a steady supply of vaccine to schedule appointments every week.

VA Bedford Healthcare System has administered more than 20,000 first and second doses of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination to employees and Veterans! Our goal is to get the vaccine to every Veteran enrolled in VA healthcare who wants it.

VA Bedford is currently scheduling **ALL Veterans enrolled in VA health care**, regardless of age. Designated Caregivers enrolled in VA’s Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Support may receive the COVID vaccine with the Veteran for whom they care.

Veterans should call the COVID Vaccination Clinic appointment line at 781-687-4000 to schedule their appointment at the vaccination clinic in the auditorium of Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Mass. The appointment line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and appointments are available seven days a week, starting at 7:00 a.m. with the last appointment at 4:45 p.m. You’ll be monitored for 15 minutes after your vaccination, so plan your time accordingly.

Eligibility for VA health care

Find out if you can get VA health care as a Veteran.

Am I eligible for VA health care benefits?

You may be eligible for VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn’t receive a dishonorable discharge.

- **If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981**, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

This minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true. You:

- Were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, **or**
- Were discharged for a hardship or “early out,” **or**
- Served prior to September 7, 1980
- **If you’re a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard**, you must have been called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty. If you had or have active-duty status for training purposes only, you don’t qualify for VA health care.
- **By phone**
- Call our toll-free hotline at [877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET to get help with your application.