



Otsego County Press Release

COVID-19 Vaccination Update – Phase 1B

Otsego County Citizens

This important information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations is being released by the Northwest Michigan Health Department.

Otsego County is also sharing this information to assist the Health Department in reaching a broader audience to get the word out:

The State of Michigan has moved into Phase 1B for COVID-19 vaccinations. Locally, our Health Department is currently still vaccinating Phase 1A and will progress to Phase 1B as local supply allows.

DETERMINING YOUR PHASE

Refer to the following graphic which will assist you in determining your phase.

SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT

- The first step to request an appointment for Phase 1B involves completing the [COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration Form](#). Completing this form does **not** schedule you for an appointment but notifies the health department of your interest in receiving the vaccine as soon as possible.
- This information will be used to schedule your appointment when vaccine is available.
- Availability of appointments is dependent on vaccine allocations, which are determined weekly.
- If you are not able to register online, residents should not call the Health Department to schedule an appointment. However, through a partnership with Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and United Way of Northwest Michigan, a **hotline** for seniors has been set up to streamline the registration process.
- Callers should be prepared to share their name, age, email address if available, phone number, address, county and if they have access to transportation to get to a vaccination site within 30 miles of their home.
- If you are 65 or older and are unable to register online, call the **senior hotline number at 231-715-5557** for information or to schedule the COVID-19 vaccine through the health department.

OTHER INFORMATION

***Additional information about the Phases and the health department's local timeline for vaccinations can be found by visiting www.nwhealth.org and selecting **COVID-19 immunization** or by visiting the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Facebook page.

*****INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 86 MAY ALSO SCHEDULE A VACCINE THROUGH MUNSON HEALTHCARE AT THIS LINK:** <https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/community-health/covid19/covid19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine>

COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

Age 65 & over

What Phase am I in? Adults age 75 and older are in Phase 1B. Adults 65 and older (Phase 1C, group A) and Phase 1B are eligible to receive vaccination starting January 11, *as local supply allows*.

What is your timeline? As depicted in the timeline below, we are currently vaccinating Phase 1A. Any further timeline for distribution is not yet certain and depends, largely, on vaccine supplies and direction from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

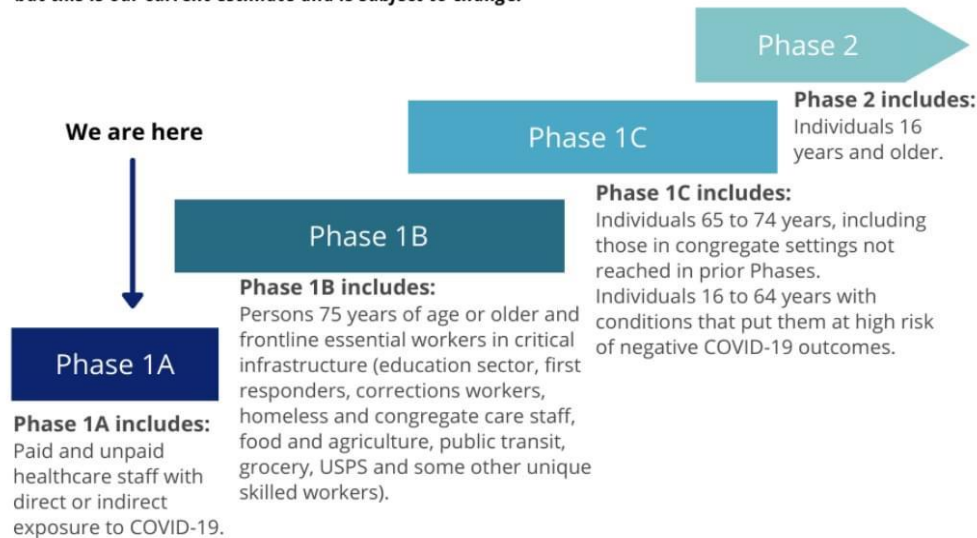
COVID-19 Vaccine

When will it be available to me?



The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is working quickly to vaccinate all those who want the COVID-19 vaccine, following the prioritization guidelines set by ACIP and the state.

We do not have exact dates when the vaccine will be available to each group, but this is our current estimate and is subject to change.



How will I know it is my turn?

Community partners are working together to make it easy for our communities to get the information they need. Those 65 and older should call the senior hotline at **231-715-5557** to provide contact information, this hotline is operated by the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and the United Way of Northwest Michigan. They will inform you when the health department is ready to schedule your appointment.

How do I schedule an appointment?

Call the senior hotline at **231-715-5557**. Representatives will collect the information they need and call you when you can schedule an appointment.

