

Dear Resident:

We are writing to provide information about receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine. You are encouraged to make an appointment to get vaccinated. If you are 75 years of age or older, you are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Given the currently limited supply of vaccine, it will take time for all individuals in Phase 1b to receive the vaccine. Review the information below to see your available options for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. If you have already heard from your medical provider about receiving the vaccine, you do not need to do anything else.

While appointments may not be available immediately at this time, please know that this is due to the limited amount of vaccine provided by the federal government. We expect that access to appointments will grow, particularly for priority populations, as our supply from the federal government increases in the coming weeks. Here is a webpage to the State of Connecticut's website that has more information and resources. https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older

## How to make an appointment:

All eligible residents are required to make an appointment in advance of receiving the vaccine. Individuals over the age of 75 can make appointments utilizing the following tools:

- **Telephone**: You may call Connecticut's COVID Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line at **877-918-2224**. The phone system was created in partnership with the Department of Public Health and United Way of Connecticut. The line will take calls on Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will offer a call-back option when all contact specialists are busy serving other callers. The team will aim to return calls as soon as possible, with the goal of same-day response.
- Online: A form can be accessed online at <u>https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine</u> that allows individuals to schedule an appointment through the web-based Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS).
- Healthcare Provider: You may have already been or will be contacted by your healthcare provider to schedule an appointment if your provider is participating in the state's vaccine program. Not all providers are administering the vaccine. A list of participating providers is available at <a href="https://covidvaccine">ct.gov/covidvaccine</a>. Residents are urged not to contact their physician or healthcare provider directly for COVID vaccine appointments.
  - UConn Health: Clinic locations in Farmington, CT
  - Hartford Healthcare: Several locations across the state

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions guide that may answer any questions you may have about the COVID-19 Vaccination. If you have any other questions please call the Senior Center at 860-285-1992.

Respectfully submitted,

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