



Key Updates, week ending 2/19

Vaccine Delays – Vaccine shipments to Massachusetts were delayed this week due to severe weather in other parts of the country. Some scheduled clinics in Franklin County had to be postponed. All delayed shipments are expected to arrive by Saturday, February 20th and clinics will resume next week with updated dates.

New Dates for South County Vaccine Clinic in Deerfield - The planned clinic dates **have been moved to Thursday the 25st and Friday the 26nd**, respectively. The time and location remains the same, 9:30 a.m – 2:15 p.m., at the Tree House Brewery in Deerfield. The clinic is currently full, if people are unable to make the new time they are asked to cancel their appointments. If appointments are canceled, open appointment times will be reflected on the [registration website](#).

People registered have had their appointments moved to the new dates but have retained the same appointment time that they signed up for. Notifications have gone out by email, have been posted on our [website](#) and [social media pages](#), and both the [state's website](#) and the [vaccine appointment registration site](#) have been updated.

West County Vaccine Clinic in Buckland Open on [Wednesday, February 24th](#) from Noon-2:00 p.m. and [Saturday, February 27th](#) from Noon-5:30 p.m at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. If searching for this clinic on the state websites, you will have to use Shelburne Falls or Mohawk as search terms.

The **Community Health Center of Franklin County** (CHCFC.org) is open to vaccinate area agricultural workers living in communal settings. Interested individuals should contact CHCFC's Shannan Beaton, at (413) 325-8501 or covidinfo@chcfc.org More info on [their website](#).

Expanded Vaccine Eligibility in Massachusetts. As of Thursday February 18th, [vaccine eligibility is expanding](#) to people 65 and older (regardless of medical condition), people 16 and older with two certain medical conditions, and staff and residents of low income and affordable senior housing. With this expanded eligibility and the limited vaccine supply, expect vaccine appointments to fill up quickly. If vaccine availability to our region increases, additional local clinic dates may be added to handle this significantly larger group of eligible people.

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL CLINICS

Regional vaccination clinics are continuing to rotate through the county. Upcoming clinics to be held in **Bernardston the week of March 1st at Kringle Candle** and in **Montague the week of March 8th at Franklin County Technical School**. Dates and times to be determined and subject to vaccine availability. Registration for these clinics expected to go live for Bernardston the evening of Friday the February 26th and for Montague the evening of Friday March 5th.

The **Greenfield Clinic** continues weekly with vaccinations at the Jon Zon Senior Center. Please check the [registration website](#) to see times and availability of appointments.

As of 2/16/2021 a total of 1,527,150 doses have been shipped to MA and 1,209,614 have been administered. 7,600 of these doses have been shipped to Franklin County. The amount of doses shipped to the county does not accurately reflect the amount of vaccines that county residents have received. Residents of the county may have traveled outside of the region to receive a vaccine at other sites. We are hopeful that the county will see an increase in the weekly doses allocated to us in the upcoming weeks/months. [MA Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report](#).

OTHER VACCINATION SITES

Those able to travel are encouraged to schedule appointments at the **large throughput vaccination sites** at [UMass Amherst](#) and [The Eastfield Mall in Springfield](#).

Pharmacies, like [CVS](#) and [Big Y](#), are accepting appointments through their websites.

Franklin County **doctor's offices and health centers** are scheduling appointments with their patients. Please do not call about vaccinations. When vaccines and appointments are available, they will call you to schedule an appointment.

All vaccination sites in Massachusetts, including times, locations, and registration links, can be found on www.vaxfinder.mass.gov.

FRANKLIN COUNTY VACCINATION PLAN

Franklin County has agreed upon a unified plan coordinated by the FRCOG. This plan is a living document and is updated as needed. The latest version of the plan is posted on the [FRCOG website](#) and available for download.

You can join us online every two weeks for the FRCOG's COVID [Coordination Roundtables](#), open to any municipal stakeholder. Contact [Phoebe Walker](#) for more information or to ask for something to be added to the agenda.

RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS

For help scheduling an appointment, arranging transportation, or if you are homebound or know of someone who is, call [LifePath](#) at (413) 829-9285.

Residents may call **MA 2-1-1** for assistance registering at state-run sites.

Our Franklin County COVID Vaccine Hotline has a recorded message that is updated regularly and can be reached by calling (413) 774-3167, extension 153.

[MA COVID Vaccine Website](#) has a wealth of information about the vaccine.

www.Vaxfinder.mass.gov shows all vaccination sites in the state, with dates, times, and appointment registration links for all sites.

Franklin County COVID-19 vaccine information is available on the [FRCOG website](#).