

Hotline Message, March 4, 2021

Hello. You've reached the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Covid-19 vaccine information Hotline. This message was recorded on Thursday, March 4th and is updated regularly. A printed version and additional information are available on our website. WWW.FRCOG.Org

Residents 65 years and older, residents over 16 with two certain medical conditions, and residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing are now eligible to receive the vaccine. **As of March 11, child care and prek-12 school staff will also be eligible. However,** Vaccine availability remains very limited in the state and appointments fill up very quickly. Please be patient.

There are many locations to receive a vaccine. In Franklin County, this includes regional clinics open to Franklin County Residents, local health care practices, and CVS and Big Y pharmacies. If you are able to travel, there are high volume State vaccination sites at Umass Amherst and the Eastfield Mall in Springfield which post new appointments on Thursday mornings. Information on these sites including times, locations, and how to register for an appointment, can be found on the state's website [Vax Finder . Mass . Gov](http://VaxFinder.Mass.Gov)

March 4th updates:

Greenfield continues to offer weekly clinics at the John Zon Senior Center. To register for appointments, go to the State website [Vax Finder . Mass . Gov](http://VaxFinder.Mass.Gov) and search for Greenfield or call 413-775-6411.

The North County Clinic in Bernardston at Kringle Candle's Barn at the Farm Table will be open on Monday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 9. These clinics are currently full.

The regional clinic in Montague will be open from 9-2 on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at the Franklin County Technical School. Registration links for this clinic will be posted on our webpage [FRCOG . Org](http://FRCOG.Org) after twelve noon on Monday, March 8, and emailed to local town governments, senior centers, and LifePath.

Additional first dose appointments at these sites **and clinics specifically for child care and school staff** will depend on vaccine availability and schedules will be announced here and posted on our website when we know how many vaccines will be available to our County.

For seniors needing assistance scheduling a vaccine appointment, arranging transportation, or for homebound residents, please contact the LifePath agency on aging. at 413-829-9285, that's 413-829-

9285, or through their website [LifePath . Org](https://www.life-path.org). Your local senior center can also provide information and assistance scheduling a vaccine appointment.

For assistance scheduling an appointment at a State vaccination site if you do not have internet access, call Mass 2-1-1 by dialing 2-1-1 and follow the prompts for COVID-19 Vaccine to speak with a live operator.

Veterans are eligible for vaccination by age group at the VA in Leeds. To register, call 413-584-4040, that's 413-584-4040. Veterans can also visit [VA . GOV](https://www.va.gov) or travel to a VA facility to register.

Please continue to wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and wash our hands. Stay safe and stay well.