

COVID-19 Vaccinations Update, January 27, 2021:

As many of you have no doubt heard, big changes were made to the priority groups in Phase 2 a couple of days ago. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine> for updated information.

The most immediate change is that the first priority group of Phase 2, which begins on Monday, February 1, is for those 75 and older; these individuals will be eligible to register starting at noon today. The attached message will go onto the Berkshire County COVID hotline this morning; you may use all or any part of this message on your town website as well. The hotline number is: 413-449-5575.

Clinics will be held in Great Barrington, Pittsfield & North Adams over the next couple of weeks. **At this time there are more people eligible than there are doses of vaccine in the state, so not everyone will get an appointment immediately.** More appointments and clinic dates will be added as more vaccine is allocated.

Please note that councils on aging in many towns are available to assist those without internet access register. I hope to have an updated list, with phone numbers, late Wednesday morning.

Residents can either go to www.maimmunizations.org and search for a clinic or they can go to the map at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations-for-individuals-in-eligible-groups-and-phases> and click on a location. We expect the map to be updated at noon Wednesday.