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**COVID-19 Vaccination Update, February 17, 2021**

Effective tomorrow, February 18, individuals aged 65 and older AND individuals with two or more specified medical conditions (listed below) AND residents and staff of public and private low-income and affordable senior housing will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under Phase 2, Group 2.

***Individuals must pre-register to receive vaccinations*** - whether at a mass vaccination site or a regional site or at certain pharmacies and health offices that are also providing vaccinations for these groups as well as the groups that preceded them in Phase 1 and Phase 2, Group 1. Details on registration resources are provided below.

For the time being, COVID-19 vaccinations require two (2) “jabs” (or shots) to build immunity to the virus, so eligible individuals that register for a vaccination will be scheduling their first jab and will be provided with information on how and when they are to receive their second jab.

**Specified Medical Conditions**

Individuals aged 16 and older with two (2) or more of the following medical conditions can get vaccinated in Phase 2, Group 2:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised individuals (i.e., weakened immune system) the result of a solid organ transplant
- Asthma (moderate to severe)
- Obesity and severe obesity based on Adult Body Mass Index
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Individuals that have questions regarding whether they suffer from two or more of these medical conditions, or who are hesitant to get the vaccine, should **consult their primary care provider** first before registering to receive a vaccination.

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## **Vaccine Registration**

Individuals without access to the internet or who are unable to schedule their appointment online can call 2-1-1 or 877-211-6277 (toll-free) for assistance in registering for their vaccination.

Website registration resources include:

[getvaccinatedberkshires.org](http://getvaccinatedberkshires.org)

[mass.gov/covidvaccinemap](http://mass.gov/covidvaccinemap)

[vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov) (NOTE: this website is experiencing significant technical problems; we recommend using [getvaccinatedberkshires.org](http://getvaccinatedberkshires.org) or calling 2-1-1)

If you are aged 65 and older and have trouble registering either by phone or on-line, please contact the Sheffield Senior Center at 413-229-7037 to get assistance.

Thank you.

Members of the Sheffield Board of Health

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