

ICMS Vaccination Update

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We know that many of you are anxious to know when you will be able to get your COVID-19 vaccine. The state of Maine has provided an update on vaccination phases for patients that began on February 1st. ICMS is committed to giving all vaccines we receive from the state as quickly as they arrive. **We are in this together.** Our shared goal is to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible.

We will notify you directly when you are eligible for the vaccine based on the state's guidelines. Please read the latest information below so you know what to expect.

We are currently in Phase 1a which includes:

- ICMS personnel including anyone who will be "patient facing" during their work
- Emergency Services Personnel
- Long term care facility: personnel and residents of Eldercare.

This week we will begin Phase 1b-1 which includes, patients of record who are 70 and older beginning Thursday (2/4), downstairs at the Union Church, *by appointment only*. If you would like to see if you are a patient of record, please contact, Anna Clapham 863-4341 ex. 1126 or email aclapham@icmsvh.org.

We have been told by the state to expect limitations on the vaccine supply. We will contact groups of eligible patients as vaccines arrive by phone.

We do not have the time frame for the state allowing us to begin offering the vaccine to anyone other than those who are 70 and older. We will share that information with you when we have it.

We are working very hard to place special focus on getting vaccines to patients who are the most vulnerable to the virus. The risk stratification is based on **age and the number and severity of conditions**.

Our shared goal is to get everyone vaccinated. This may likely take several months. The state will be working in stages so that one group may not be fully vaccinated before they move forward with the next approved groups. For information on the state's phases and expected timing, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines>

Vaccines will also be available through city and town clinics, pharmacies and state vaccination sites. For updated information of vaccination sites for Mainers 70 and older, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites>. We will continue to provide updated information to you about all of your vaccination options through social media and our website.



We appreciate your patience as we work hard to get the vaccine to as many of our patients as we can, as quickly as possible. We will update you weekly and will share information as we have it through our Facebook page and The Wind. You can also visit <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines> for updated info on vaccine availability in Maine. Contact Anna Clapham 863-4341 ex. 1126 or email aclapham@icmsvh.org with any questions/concerns.

Please continue to wear a mask, socially distance and wash your hands! Remember ICMS can provide you with masks and hand sanitizer if needed.