

Due to the limits on vaccine supply, Maine is using a phased but flexible approach to ensure every dose the state receives is used to protect the health of Maine people. Vaccines are available only to Maine residents at this time. Patients of record, those we've seen regularly in the past two years, who are 70 and older are prioritized. The number of vaccines we are allotted is based on the number of patients we've seen regularly. We ask those that aren't patients of record to talk to your primary care provider for vaccination. 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](mailto:aclapham@icmsvh.org).

- We are currently in Phase 1b-1. Only older Mainers, those 70 and older, qualify for the vaccination in this phase. As soon as the state expands distribution to those under 70, we will update you. **By law, we can only give the vaccine to those 70 and older at this time.** The only exception is if a 70 or older is unable to make the appointment. In that case, we can offer the slot to adults of all ages with **high-risk** medical conditions. We use a risk stratification process to select these alternates by age and number and severity of health conditions. We will notify you directly when you are eligible for the vaccine based on the state's guidelines.
- The next Phase is 1b-2. This phase will include people ages 65-69 and critical frontline workers to be determined by the State of Maine.

**Our shared goal is to get everyone vaccinated.** This will likely take several months. We are working very hard to place special focus on getting vaccines to patients who are the most vulnerable to the virus. 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](mailto: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.

