



COVID-19 Vaccination

Washington County, MD

Washington County Status: CURRENTLY VACCINATING 1A



Washington County is currently in Phase 1A. The nursing home populations are being vaccinated by CVS and Walgreens through a federal pharmacy program. Licensed healthcare providers and social workers are registering with the Health Department. First responders are encouraged to contact their Chief or director who will coordinate with Keli Smith from the Division of Emergency Services to schedule their vaccination. All vaccinations are currently being administered at Meritus.

Vaccine Allocations

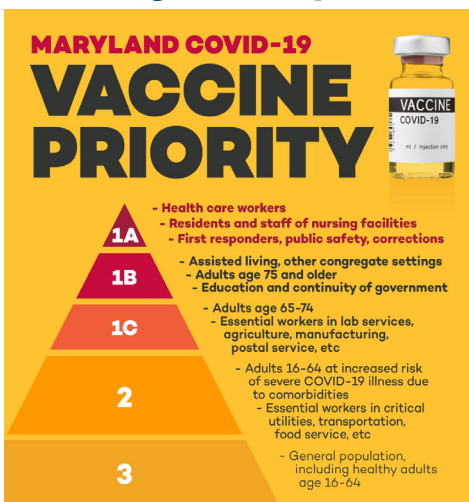
Both hospitals and health departments across the state are receiving allocations of the vaccine. In other counties, hospitals are distributing vaccines to their staff whereas health departments are holding clinics to vaccinate health care providers not associated with a hospital and first responders.

Here in Washington County, the Health Department is collaborating with Meritus Health to distribute vaccinations to the priority groups in phase 1A. Meritus decided to use their allocations of the Pfizer vaccine first before using the health department's allocations of the Moderna vaccine which is why the Governor's chart shows the Washington County Health Department has distributed 0% of allocated vaccines and

Meritus Health has used 50.5% of their vaccine allocations.

Per a report received on Monday, January 11, 2021, 4,033 people in phase 1A have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Meritus has distributed 1,793 doses to their staff and employees and 2,240 doses to health care providers, front line judiciary staff, and first responders. Last week Meritus started using the Moderna vaccine that has been allocated to the health department to continue vaccinating those in phase 1A. As of January 12, 2021, Meritus has used 750 Moderna vaccines from the health department's vaccine allotment. These numbers have been reported to the state but have not yet been reflected on recent charts posted by the Governor.

Priority Groups and Phases



MARYLAND COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITY

- 1A**
 - Health care workers
 - Residents and staff of nursing facilities
 - First responders, public safety, corrections
- 1B**
 - Assisted living, other congregate settings
 - Adults age 75 and older
 - Education and continuity of government
- 1C**
 - Adults age 65-74
 - Essential workers in lab services, agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, etc
- 2**
 - Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
 - Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc
- 3**
 - General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

In a press conference on January 5th, Governor Larry Hogan announced further details regarding priority groups and estimated timelines to move into phases 1B and 1C.



Phase 1A: Residents and staff of long term care facilities, nursing homes and assisted living; Front line hospital staff and healthcare workers; All licensed, registered and certified healthcare providers; First responders; EMS; Firefighters; Law enforcement; Correctional health care staff and officers; Front line judiciary staff

***Vaccination timelines are subject to change depending on multiple factors, including vaccine availability.

Vaccine Directive:

Rolling Distribution: we will not wait to get to all members of a priority group before moving on to those next in-line. Member of previous groups can still get vaccinated in later phases