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Covid Vaccine Update

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As of April 1, 2021 all individuals 16 years of age and older who live, work, or attend school in Connecticut are eligible to receive vaccine. When looking for a vaccination appointment keep in mind the Pfizer vaccine is approved for individuals 16 and up and the Moderna and J&J vaccine for 18 and up. Pfizer, because of the required ultra-cold storage requirements, is more commonly found at sites associated with hospitals. A list of ways to sign-up for a vaccination appointment is below and also at HERE.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) expects that by early May, supply will begin to exceed demand and that colleges and universities will be able to receive vaccine in early May. Students attending school remotely and residing outside of Connecticut should receive vaccine in the state where they reside. Those under the age of 18 must have parental consent to get vaccinated. Successful scheduling of an appointment does not serve as a proxy for consent.

The Redding Clinic is a Moderna provider (18 and up). To pre-register a form can be found by clicking HERE. Once pre-registered, residents will be contacted in the order in which they signed up. Volunteer schedulers reach out to those on the list either by email or phone to set up an appointment. We only schedule appointments on the week of the clinic to make sure we have received the necessary quantity of vaccine from the state to administer to those we have scheduled. An appointment is required. Redding clinics are held at the Redding Community Center.

We continue to encourage those eligible to sign up for all vaccination options available. Currently, appointments can be made utilizing the following tools:

- **VAMS online system**: VAMS is the Vaccine Administration Management System and can be used to schedule appointments at multiple clinics across the state. To make an appointment using this system, click here.
Call Connecticut’s COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line: Connecticut’s COVID-19 vaccine appointment assist line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. To make an appointment, call 877-918-2224.

**These other providers listed do not use VAMS to schedule appointments - so you must go to each site and register or check for available appointments to be eligible for their clinics:**

- **Hartford HealthCare:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

- **Yale New Haven Health:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

- **Stamford Health:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

- **Walgreens:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

- **CVS:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

- **Walmart:** To make an appointment, [click here](#).

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Above all, stay home, stay safe, be well!

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