



Public Health

# JEFFERSON COUNTY

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## GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

### Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: I filled out a request form for my parents who want the vaccine. Are you calling them? How are they going to know if they are getting vaccine?***

A: The health department will call the phone number provided on the 1B interest form. When we call, we will notify the resident of the date, location and time slots available. We understand that this population may have caregivers scheduling on their behalf.

***Q: For the 80+, are you going to make appointments or are we going to have to stand in line and hope we are able to get the vaccine?***

A: All appointments will be scheduled and no walk-ups will be taken at this time. We will not schedule more visits than vaccines available.

***Q: What about the citizens that don't have access to the internet or cannot navigate it? I have family members that do not get on the internet that would benefit from the vaccine. Can someone else fill out the forms?***

A: Yes, we encourage family and friends to help the 1B population sign-up for the vaccine. Using our website is the most efficient way to sign-up for the vaccine.

***Q: How can I check to see if my information was received?***

A: When an interest form is submitted on the website, you should receive a notification that your responses were successfully submitted.

***Q: If a person already added their name to the health department list, should they still try to get on the Kroger or Trinity list, or will health department be managing the appointments at all locations?***

A: The health department cannot stop you from choosing to sign-up elsewhere. Think of this scenario similar to that of the flu shot, the health department, your healthcare provider and retail pharmacies generally carry the flu shot. You may pick the company of your choice. The health department, Kroger and Trinity will not share a list. If you are on the health department's list and you have since scheduled a vaccination with one of the other providers, let us know when we call. We will simply move on to the next resident. While this may seem counterproductive to the public, this is a state level plan to decentralize vaccine distribution.

***Q: Will Kroger and Trinity be getting their own vaccine supply or does the Jefferson County supply get split up between the locations?***

A: Each company will be getting their own supply and is responsible for their own allotment.

***Q: How much notice will you be given as to your appointment date/time?***

A: Notice can be as much as one week or as short as 2-3 days. There are a number of variables we are dealing with, but will try to provide as much notice as possible.

***Q: I am 75, but my husband is 74. Can we get the vaccine the same day since 75 and older is one date and 70 and older is another date?***

A: Yes, you may schedule at the same time, but it will not be permitted until the 70-year-old population is allowed to be vaccinated. That would roughly be the week of February 1.

***Q: Are high school sports coaches in this phase? K-12 does that include bus drivers?***

A: Yes, the State of Ohio allows the following school personnel to be vaccinated: teachers, support staff, administrators, food service staff, bus drivers, paid coaches, janitorial staff, and other adults who work in school buildings.

***Q: What is the charge?***

A: There will be no out of pocket expenses at this time.

***Q: What about public utility workers? What about Grocery store employees?***

A: The State of Ohio has not announced the phase that either of these professions will be able to sign-up for the vaccine. We will continue to update residents as the state provides further guidance.

***Q: If I am in 1B group to receive the Covid vaccine and I received first Shingrix vaccine on 10/26/20 and the second Shingrix vaccine on 12/27/20. Is that a long enough period of time between the Shingrix and Covid vaccines?***

A: While research regarding your question is limited, most literature suggests waiting at least 14 days after the Shingrix vaccine before getting another immunization. Given the date of your last dose, it should be safe. We ask that you to consult with your healthcare provider before making a final decision.

***Q: Which vaccine will be given on February 1, Moderna or Pfizer? I have issues with allergies so will probably be getting Moderna. if you know please let me know and who and where will the vaccines be given?***

A: The health department has received all Moderna vaccines to date. We request Moderna to the state and expect that to continue. However, we cannot guarantee that will always be the case.

***Q: What type conditions constitute severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders?***

A: Ohioans younger than 65 with the following severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders are eligible for the vaccine beginning Jan. 25 as part of Phase 1B:

- cerebral palsy
- spina bifida
- congenital heart disease
- type 1 diabetes

- inherited metabolic disorders
- severe neurologic disorders including epilepsy
- severe genetic disorders including Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Prader Willi Syndrome, Turner Syndrome
- severe lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
- sickle cell anemia
- alpha- and beta-thalassemia

If you have any of these conditions, you may sign up for the vaccination in phase 1B.

***Q: Can children get the vaccine?***

A: Moderna vaccine is authorized for use in people 18 years and older. Pfizer is authorized for use in people 16 years and older.