

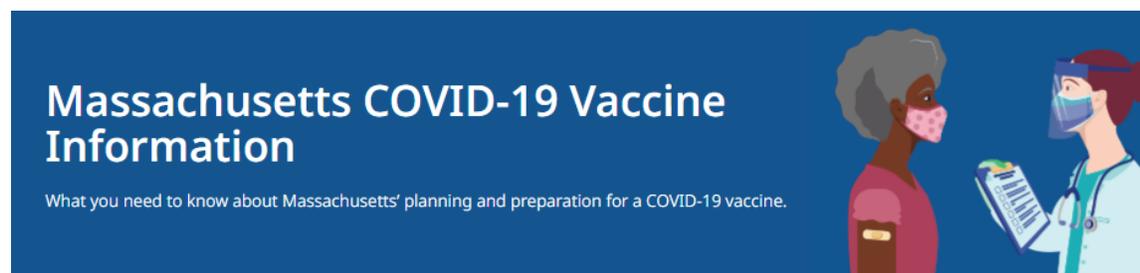
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

January 14, 2021:

The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	135	(updated 1/14 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	872	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1028	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	21	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/27/20



[Sign up for COVID-19 and vaccine alerts](#)

- **Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plan To Begin Vaccinations for Congregate Care Facilities, Updates to Phase Two**

Yesterday, the Baker-Polito Administration outlined plans to start vaccines for congregate care settings, the next priority group within Phase One of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

The Command Center also made updates to the first priority group in Phase Two of the distribution plan to include residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.

Congregate Care

Beginning Monday, January 18, vaccinations will begin at residential congregate care and shelter programs and correctional facilities within Phase 1 of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 distribution plan. This will include over 94,000 eligible individuals, both residents and staff, across the Commonwealth.

This wave of vaccinations includes residential congregate care programs, including group homes, residential treatment programs, community-based acute residential treatment programs, and clinical stabilization service programs, emergency shelter programs including homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and Veterans' shelters, and approved private special education schools which offer residential services and are approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and correctional facilities. Correctional facilities will also begin vaccinations for staff and inmates.

This week, congregate care vaccinations began at some facilities that enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program with CVS and Walgreens.

Congregate Care facilities can vaccinate their residents, clients, and staff over the age of 16 through one of three vaccination options:

Option #1: Program "Self-Administration"

Organizations that have the capability to directly receive and administer COVID-19 vaccines can request vaccine from the Department of Public Health if they meet certain requirements.

Self-administering organizations must plan to vaccinate 200 individuals. However, the scale can be achieved by partnering with other organizations. For more information, visit the [Congregate Care Vaccine page](#).

Option #2: Leverage Existing Pharmacy Partnerships or other Medical Provider Relationships

Programs with existing pharmacy partnerships can leverage these partnerships to administer COVID-19 vaccines. This includes programs that work with pharmacies to administer the regular flu vaccine clinics, and/or other existing relationships with local hospitals, health care practices, community health centers, university health centers, or VNAs.

Option #3: Mass Vaccination Sites

Mass vaccination sites can also be utilized by congregate care settings. Yesterday, the Commonwealth announced the opening of the first mass vaccination site at Gillette Stadium that will launch on Monday.

The Command Center is working to finalize plans for additional mass vaccination sites and expects additional provider and pharmacy vaccination sites to launch. These sites will require appropriate identification to establish you meet the congregate care prioritization criteria.

Correctional Facilities

Vaccination of staff and inmates of correctional facilities will also begin next week.

For the Department of Correction (DOC), vaccinations are expected to last for three weeks to inoculate all residents and staff.

The total population of DOC inmates and civilly committed persons is about 6,500 and the total number of staff is about 4,500, for a total of about 11,000.

Inmates will receive their vaccines from DOC’s medical provider, Wellpath, in the facilities. DOC is also working to establish regional vaccine sites for staff, who will receive their vaccines from Armstrong and Brewster Ambulance staff.

Houses of Correction run by the sheriffs will follow a similar procedure, with medical staff providing vaccines.

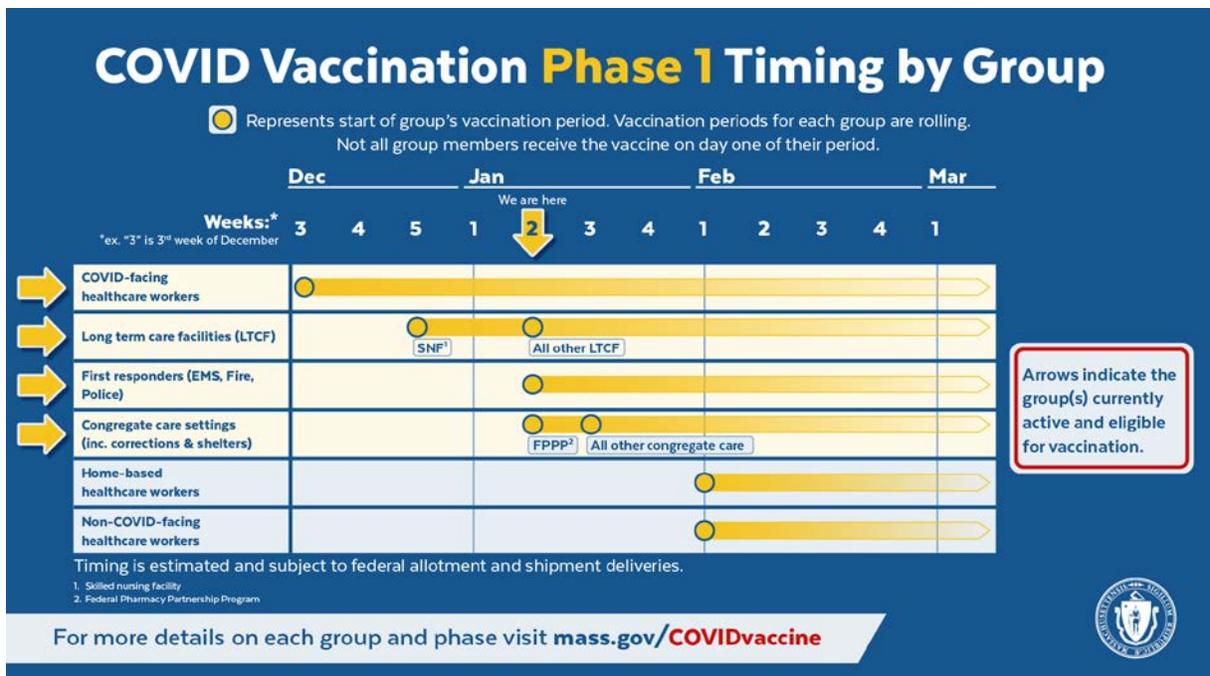
Updates to Phase Two

Residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing will now be included in step one of Phase Two of the vaccine distribution plan.

Similar senior facilities are already receiving vaccines through the FPPP as part of Phase 1 of the plan, so this change will bring the timetable for the other facilities more in line.

- **Current Status**

Phase 1, Priority Groups 1-4



- **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Timeline: Phase Overview**

Listed in order of priority:

- **Phase 1 (December 2020 – February 2021)** [Click here for an overview of Phase 1.](#)

- **Clinical and non-clinical health care workers doing direct and COVID-facing care, including:**
 - COVID-19 testers, staff of test sites, urgent care centers, other clinics, school nurses, and public health nurses performing COVID-19 testing;
 - COVID-19 vaccinators and support staff for a COVID vaccination clinic including pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians, school nurses, and public health nurses supporting COVID-19 vaccination;
 - Medical Reserve Corps who are called up to vaccinate or other COVID facing direct care work;
 - COVID facing Hospice/palliative care professionals;
 - COVID facing laboratorians;
 - COVID facing imaging professions;
 - Emergent employees (manufacturing COVID vaccine)
 - Sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE)
 - Primary care providers
 - Skilled nursing facility rapid response teams
- **Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities**
- **Emergency medical services, police, and fire, including:**
 - All interfacility transport workers, MedFlight staff, college/university campus police, 911 Dispatch employees
 - Federal law enforcement (including FBI, DEA, Coast Guard, federal court officers, U.S. Marshals Service, ATF, Federal Reserve Police, Homeland Security investigators)
 - Court officers
 - Harbormasters/Assistant Harbormasters
 - Massport police
- **Congregate care settings, including:**
 - Corrections and shelters
 - Patients and staff of SUD treatment programs (if program is residential)
 - Patients and staff of Section 35 treatment programs
 - Adults with autism, intellectual disabilities, and severe behavioral challenges in residential programs
- **Home-based health care workers** Including:
 - PT/OT/SLP therapists who work with medically complex home students
 - Personal Care Attendants (PCAs)

- Home Health, hospice, and home care agency staff performing visits in the home
 - Independent Nurses and Continuous Skilled Nursing staff performing visits in the home
 - Aging Service agency staff performing regular visits in the home
 - State Agency staff performing direct care in the home, including DCF Emergency Response Workers, DMH case managers and DDS care coordinators
 - Mental and behavioral health providers providing in home treatment (e.g., ACCS integrated team, PACT, CBHI, ABA, ESP)
 - Adult Foster Care and Group Adult Foster Care workers performing work in the home
 - Independent Therapists (physical therapists, occupational therapists, Speech & Language therapists) performing work in the home
 - Home-Based Respite and Individual/Family Support staff (DDS and DDS Self Directed)
- **Health care workers doing non-COVID-facing care, including:**
 - Dentists/dental students, and dental hygienists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients such as Oral Surgeons covering the ER, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Medical and nursing students (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Inpatient and outpatient physical therapists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspect patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Interpreters who work in hospitals (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Behavioral health clinicians not already covered in congregate care or direct care;
 - Non-COVID facing Laboratorians;
 - Blood donation workers;
 - Organ donation procurement worker;
 - Hospice/palliative care professionals;
 - Non-COVID facing Imaging Professionals;
 - Dialysis center workers and patients;
 - Audiologists and speech and language pathologists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Podiatrists (unless routinely working with COVID-19 positive or suspected patients, in which case should be considered COVID-facing);
 - Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) staff;
 - Audiologists;
 - SUD treatment program staff (if program is non-residential);
 - Asthma and allergy specialists;
 - Diagnostic sleep testing center staff;
 - Chiropractors

Individuals who do not come into contact with patients (e.g., back office, remote work, administrative staff who do not come into contact with patients, laboratory researchers who do not come into contact with patients) **are not prioritized in Phase 1** and should be prioritized in Phase 2 or Phase 3 depending on each individual's age, comorbidity status, or other worker category.

➤ **Phase 2 (February - March 2021)** [Click here for an overview of Phase 2.](#)

- **Individuals with 2+ [comorbidities](#) (high risk for COVID-19 complications), individuals age 75+, and residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing**
- **Other workers**, including:
 - Early education, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, restaurant and cafe workers;
 - Employees across the food, beverages, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, and foodservice sectors;
 - Meatpackers;
 - Sanitation, public works and public health workers;
 - Vaccine development workers;
 - Food pantry workers;
 - Transit/transportation: Uber/Lyft/ride share services/pharmacy delivery drivers, workers in the passenger ground transportation industry (e.g. paratransit for people with Disabilities, food delivery, non-urgent medical transport), Massport workers other than police;
 - Convenience store workers (under grocery workers);
 - Water and wastewater utility staff
 - Court system workers (judges, prosecutors, defense attorney, clerks), other than court officers who are listed under first responders
 - Medical supply chain workers
 - Funeral directors and funeral workers
- **Adults 65+**
- **Individuals with one [co-morbid condition](#)**

➤ **Phase 3 (Starting April 2021)** [Click here for an overview of Phase 3.](#)

The vaccine is expected to be available to **the general public**, including:

- Higher education workers, including administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff;
- Bottled beverage industry workers;
- Veterinarians

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions**

Common questions about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found [here](#)

