



## Key Updates week ending Friday, March 19, 2021

**Expanding Eligibility** - The State continues to move forward with [expanding vaccine eligibility](#).

- March 11<sup>th</sup> eligibility expanded to include K-12 educators, school staff, and childcare workers. Special educator days planned at state managed mass vaccination sites:
  - Saturday, March 27
  - Saturday, April 3
  - Saturday, April 10
  - Saturday, April 11
- March 22, people 60 or older and [certain workers](#) become eligible.
- April 5, people 55 or older and people with [1 certain medical condition](#) become eligible.
- April 19, Phase 3 begins and eligibility opens to all people who meet FDA's medical criteria to receive a vaccine.

**Vaccine Supply** – Vaccine supply coming into the state does not meet current demand of eligible people who want vaccine appointments. As the number of eligible people continues to grow, the FRCOG is working closely with DPH and our regional partners to manage the rising numbers of eligible persons in a context of the current limited vaccine supply. Appointments across all public (regional collaborative and mass vaccination sites) and private (health care providers, pharmacies, etc.) clinics continue to fill up extremely fast. We are working to build capacity across all of our partners in the regional collaborative to administer at least 3,750 doses/week, but that won't happen until the vaccine starts flowing more rapidly.

**Regional Collaborative Clinic Data** – As of March 16, 2021, [vaccine clinics held in Franklin County have given 6,933 vaccinations](#). The FRCOG, the City of Greenfield, the Town of Orange, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office have each collaborated and contributed to this total with their own clinics. This number includes first, second, and some Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccinations. The most recent [State Vaccine Report](#) shows that that 27% of Franklin County residents have received at least their first doses and 14% are fully vaccinated (these include people vaccinated across many vaccination sites, not just Collaborative clinics).

**Upcoming Regional Collaborative Clinics + County Vaccine Website**– To help ensure that Franklin County residents are able to register for our clinics, we post the upcoming weeks clinic schedule to our Franklin County Vaccine [website](#) on Mondays after 12:00 p.m. and include what time registration for clinic appointments opens to the public and instructions for how register.

For the week beginning Monday, March 21, Greenfield will continue to run its clinics for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses, but the FRCOG only received enough vaccine to cover 2<sup>nd</sup> dose obligations for people vaccinated at The Tree House clinic in Deerfield on February 21/22 and at Mohawk Trail Regional High School in Buckland on February 24/27. All those who attended these clinics were signed up for their second dose appointments on site and do not need to register again.

**FRCOG and LifePath Joint Vaccine Awareness Panel** – will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 5 p.m – 6 p.m. The intended audience is the general public and anyone else interested in learning more about how these vaccines work, vaccine safety, and how vaccines are being distributed. Panel details and how to register [can be found here](#).



**FRANKLIN COUNTY VACCINATION PLAN UPDATE:**

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<http://www.franklincountymavaccine.org>

**Regional collaborative vaccine clinics continue to deliver vaccine. More clinics scheduled!**

- New Regional Collaborative Clinic vaccine appointments become available on Monday's and registration instructions are posted to our website <https://franklincountymavaccine.org/> (vaccine supply permitting new appointments)
  - By state requirement, 75% of our allocated doses must be administered in publicly posted clinics. This means clinics will be available on the state's vaccine finder website. **People have been waiting up to 45 minutes in the "waiting room" prior to being able to actually register, so please emphasize to residents the need to get in the online queue early before our clinics actually open for online registration.**
  - 25% of our dose allocation is for "private clinics" with blocks of time scheduled at each of our clinics for seniors needing additional support. LifePath and local senior centers near the clinic site will have private links and can assist area residents register.
- *If you are homebound or need help scheduling an appointment, call [LifePath](tel:4138299285) at (413) 829-9285.*
  - *Those able to travel are encouraged to schedule appointments at the large throughput vaccination sites at [UMass Amherst](#) and [The Eastfield Mall in Springfield](#).*
  - *See many more vaccination sites at [vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov)*

Town	Date(s)	Location	Time(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose?	Other/links
Deerfield	Saturday, March 20	Treehouse Brewery	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	First and second dose clinic	K-12 School Personnel Clinic
Buckland	Wednesday, March 24 Saturday, March 27	Mohawk Trail Regional HS	Noon – 2:30 p.m. Noon – 5 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.
Deerfield	Thursday, March 25 Friday, March 26	Treehouse Brewery	9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.
Buckland	Wednesday, March 24 Saturday, March 27	Mohawk Trail Regional HS	Noon – 5 p.m. Noon – 5 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.
Deerfield	Thursday, March 25 Friday, March 26	Treehouse Brewery	9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.
Bernardston	Wednesday, April 7 Thursday, April 8	Kringle Candle	2 p.m. – 7 p.m. 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.
Montague	Friday, April 9	Franklin County Technical High School	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Second dose clinic	Indoor clinic.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE CLINICS

Franklin County regional collaborative clinics are run through partnerships with towns, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, and volunteer organizations in the region. Vaccine supply is very limited. **To help ensure Franklin County residents secure appointments at our clinics we will post on our [website](#)** what the upcoming vaccine clinic schedule is and at what time online registration for these clinics will begin. You will be able to find full instructions on how to register on our [website](#). Read more about the [FRCOG managed clinics and the Regional Collaborative](#).

The **Greenfield Clinic**, operated by the City of Greenfield, continues weekly with vaccinations at the Jon Zon Senior Center. Please check the [registration website](#) to see times and availability of appointments. For more information on this clinic you may call the city's Covid-19 number 413-775-6411 or send an email to [vaccine.clinics@greenfield-ma.gov](mailto:vaccine.clinics@greenfield-ma.gov).

*Our Vaccine Clinics are intended to support the needs of Franklin County residents who have difficulty or are unable to travel to vaccine appointments outside of the region. To achieve this goal, we are working with municipal partners, senior centers, LifePath, and other organizations to fill appointments with residents from the County who need our support. We are working diligently to secure and administer vaccine to residents of our County and to ensure equity and fairness in this process.*

## OTHER VACCINATION SITES

Those able to travel are encouraged to schedule appointments at the **high volume vaccination sites** at [UMass Amherst](#) and [The Eastfield Mall in Springfield](#). A comprehensive list of vaccination sites across Massachusetts, including times, locations, and registration links, can be found on [www.vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://www.vaxfinder.mass.gov).

Franklin County **Pharmacies** at [CVS](#) and [Big Y](#), offer vaccine appointments through their websites.

Franklin County **doctor's offices and health centers** are scheduling appointments with their patients. Vaccine allocations to these private practices is limited, please do not call about scheduling vaccinations. When vaccines and appointments are available, they will call you to schedule an appointment.

The **Community Health Center of Franklin County** ([CHCFC.org](http://CHCFC.org)) is vaccinating area agricultural workers living in communal settings. Interested individuals should contact CHCFC's Shannan Beaton, at (413) 325-8501 or [covidinfo@chcfc.org](mailto:covidinfo@chcfc.org) More info on [their website](#).

## RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS

For seniors needing help scheduling an appointment, arranging transportation, or if you are homebound or know of someone who is, call [LifePath Area Agency on Aging](#) at (413) 829-9285. LifePath does not have special access to vaccines or appointments. They provide assistance with those who need additional support with the online registration process that the majority public and private vaccine providers use to schedule appointments.

Residents may call **MA 2-1-1** (dial 2 1 1) for assistance registering at state-run sites and follow prompts for Covid Vaccine.

Our Franklin County COVID Vaccine Hotline has a recorded message that is updated regularly and can be reached by calling (413) 774-3167, extension 153.

[MA COVID Vaccine Website](#) has a wealth of information about the vaccine and [Vaxfinder.mass.gov](#) shows a comprehensive list of vaccination sites in the state, with dates, times, and appointment registration links.

Veterans are [eligible for vaccination](#) by age group at the VA Hospital in Leeds. You do not need to be a current patient in order to receive a vaccine. You can contact them directly by phone to schedule an appointment by calling (413) 584-4040