

Hotline Message, April 16, 2021

Hello. You have reached the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Covid-19 Vaccine Information Hotline. This message was recorded on Friday, April 16, and is updated regularly. A transcript of this recording, along with more information, is available on our website: [W W W . Franklin County MA Vaccine . Org](http://www.FranklinCountyMAVaccine.org)

On Monday, April 19th, all people 16 and over are eligible to receive a vaccine. Please note that the **only** vaccine currently approved for ages 16 and 17 is the Pfizer vaccine. Regional Collaborative Clinics in Franklin County do not offer Pfizer vaccine and we can only vaccinate people who are 18 and older. The recent pause in administration of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has not yet affected our clinics. However, our region has been using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for homebound patients and these appointments will be impacted. We will provide further information about this issue when we know more.

Here is the current schedule for the Franklin Regional Vaccination Collaborative clinics:

- The Friday, April 16th clinic in Charlemont has been canceled due to severe weather forecast. Appointments have been re-scheduled to Saturday, April 17th at the same location.
- There will be a clinic on Saturday April 17th from 9am – 1 pm in Charlemont at Berkshire East
- There will be clinics on Thursday April 22nd and Friday April 23rd at the Greenfield Community College. Registration opens for these clinics on Monday, April 19th.
- There will be a clinic on Saturday April 24th in Orange at the Mahar Regional High School. Registration for this clinic also opens on Monday, April 19th.

Our schedule and instructions for registering for our clinics, are posted to our website at [W W W . Franklin County MA Vaccine . Org](http://www.FranklinCountyMAVaccine.org). Check back each Monday at noon to see the upcoming week's schedule and at what time our clinics open to the public for registration.

A complete list of all vaccination sites in the Commonwealth can be found on the state's website at [Vax Finder . Mass . Gov](http://VaxFinder.Mass.Gov). If you do not have internet access, or if you need help scheduling an appointment at a State vaccination site, you can call Mass 2-1-1 and reach a live operator by dialing 2-1-1 and following the prompts for COVID-19 Vaccine.

If you are an older adult or person with a disability without internet access and need help to schedule an appointment, if you are in need of transportation to a clinic, or if you cannot leave your home to be vaccinated, call LifePath's Vaccination Access helpline at (413) 829-9285. That's 413-829-9285, or you can find them online at [www. Life Path MA . Org](http://www.LifePathMA.org). In many towns, your local senior center or council on aging can also provide information and assistance scheduling a vaccine appointment.

Thanks for continuing to wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and washing your hands. Stay safe and stay well.