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COVID-19 Vaccine Registration for 65+ and Prioritized Frontline Workers Now Available

The Kent County Health Department, along with health departments and health systems throughout Michigan, have received authorization from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to begin COVID-19 vaccination of some people in priority phases beyond 1A. This includes people 65 and older and prioritized frontline workers. Please see the full list of those who are now eligible by visiting www.VaccinateWestMi.com.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

West Michigan health departments and health systems will begin accepting registrations for vaccines for qualified individuals today on our website.

Registration is required because vaccine supplies are extremely limited and Phase 1A is still in progress. Please carefully review the criteria below to make sure you qualify before you register.

Those registering should expect that appointments may not be available for several weeks.

Therefore, we encourage everyone to be patient as we prepare for the upcoming vaccination phases. Please know vaccinations are occurring as quickly as possible and information is being shared as it becomes available.

In order for the COVID-19 vaccine to be effective, individuals must receive a second dose 21-28 days after their initial vaccination, and it must be from the same manufacturer. For that reason, it is important to schedule an appointment at the same location for both doses.

Please Keep In Mind

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It's Important To Know

Getting vaccinated is one of many steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Protection from COVID-19 is critically important because, for some people, it can cause severe illness or death. Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Other steps, like masks and social distancing, help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others. Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccine Works

Here are a few resources to help explain how the COVID-19 vaccine works.

1. [Visit the CDC website by clicking here.](#)
2. [Listen to Dr. Black from the Kent County Health Department explain how the vaccine works by click here.](#)
3. [How mRNA vaccine works visual. Click here to review.](#)

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