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Hope is on the Horizon

WHEN CAN I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Kent County is following a phased approach to vaccine distribution.

The Kent County Health Department is following the eligibility criteria for vaccine distribution phases and priority groups set forth by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS). Phase 1A began in December 2020. Phase 1B was authorized to begin on January 11, 2021, and 1C will be prioritized in early 2021. Phase 2 can expect to be eligible by mid-2021.

The Kent County Health Department remains dedicated to providing up-to-date information on the Vaccinate West Michigan website: www.vaccinatewestmi.com. You can sign-up on this website to receive updates and notifications.

Phases of Vaccine Distribution

Phase 1A: Healthcare and Long-term Care Residents

- 1A Priority One: Health care workers
- 1A Priority Two: Staff and those residing in Long-term Care Facilities
- 1A Priority Three: All other direct and indirect care workers (e.g. Dentists, urgent care, outpatient)

Phase 1B: Frontline Essential Workers & Adults 65+

This includes: Those age 65 and older, First responders, School and Childcare staff, Corrections staff

Phase 1C: Other Essential Workers and High-risk Population

This includes: Individuals 16-64 years of age with underlying medical conditions with high-risk medical conditions.

Phase 2: Individuals 16-18 years or older (based on manufacture's recommendations)

This includes: All individuals who did not otherwise fit into an earlier group for whom the vaccine is recommended.

To register for a vaccine appointment, visit www.wmvaccineclinic.org or call 833-755-0696

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

We are confident that the vaccines currently approved for use in the U.S. are highly safe and effective. Both were developed in the U.S. and have undergone U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) scrutiny, the most rigorous vaccine approval process on the planet.

Like other medications, the COVID-19 vaccines can have some side effects, but all symptoms experienced by trial participants were mild or moderate and were part of a normal, healthy immune response. The most commonly reported side effects of the vaccine were fatigue, muscle or joint pain, and headache. None were severe nor required hospitalization. The COVID-19 vaccines DO NOT use the live virus that causes COVID-19, so you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.