

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **COVID-19 vaccine update in Oakland County:**

#### **Save Your Spot Sign-up Available until Vaccine Supply Increases**

**Pontiac, Mich. Jan. 13, 2021** – Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is asking residents to remain patient during this time because of the overwhelming demand for the COVID-19 vaccine. The Health Division has received 7,800 doses, administered about 5,600 vaccines, and scheduled an estimated 17,000-plus first- and second-dose appointments through the end of February. Minimal vaccine supply, however, limits our ability to schedule appointments for the hundreds of thousands of eligible workers and Oakland County residents who are still waiting to be vaccinated. Use the newly launched Save Your Spot link on our website [oaklandcountyvaccine.com](https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com) to help us identify individuals who are eligible and interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. For anyone unable to complete the form, call our upgraded health hotline at 800-848-5533.

“We are asking the community to help us plan for administering future doses of vaccine we receive by completing this new form,” said County Executive David Coulter. “This will help us reach residents and workers who are eligible for vaccination when more doses become available. As we receive more vaccine, we will continue to administer them quickly and efficiently until everyone has the opportunity to receive the vaccine.”

The Health Division is currently vaccinating individuals in phases 1A and 1B of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) COVID-19 vaccination plan who work or live in Oakland County.

The Health Division is following MDHHS and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for prioritizing distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to individuals. According to MDHHS, those now eligible to receive the vaccine include:

- Healthcare workers
- Residents 65 years and older
- Frontline essential workers including police officers, first responders, frontline state and federal workers, jail and prison staff; and preK-12 teachers and childcare providers (Phase 1B)

In addition to frontline essential workers, there are over 217,000 residents age 65 and older eligible to receive the vaccine in Oakland County. To receive updates on COVID-19 vaccine availability, register

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your email address at [oaklandcountyvaccine.com](https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com) or text OAKGOV to 28748. The Health Division phone lines are very busy and sometimes Nurse on Call receives over 20,000 calls per day. Oakland County appreciates the public's patience. Nurse on Call is available at 800-848-5533 to answer health-related questions, make COVID-19 testing appointments, and assist those unable to complete the 'Save Your Spot' link.

Currently the COVID-19 vaccine is available through local health departments and local health systems. Residents are encouraged to check their health providers online medical chart or portal as all local health systems are going to start making appointments for their patients once they vaccinate their medical personnel.

- [Beaumont Health](#)
- [St. Joseph Mercy Oakland](#)
- [Ascension Providence](#)
- [McLaren Oakland](#)

Vaccine information can be found at:

- Oakland County: <https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com/>
- MDHHS: [Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine)
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

More information about COVID-19 can be found on the Health Division's website at [www.oakgov.com/covid](https://www.oakgov.com/covid). For up-to-date public health information, follow @publichealthOC on Facebook and Twitter.

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