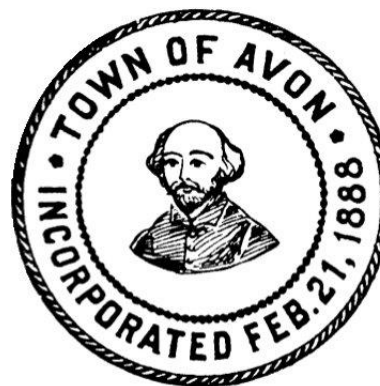


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Town of Avon Provides Update on COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

Individuals 75+ Eligible for Vaccinations Beginning Today, Feb. 1

AVON — Town Administrator Gregory S. Enos and Health Agent Kathleen Waldron would like to provide an update regarding the Town of Avon's COVID-19 vaccination efforts and the state's vaccine distribution plan.

During the weeks of Jan. 11 and Jan. 18, the Town of Avon provided the initial dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to 40 first responders, including members of the Avon Police and Fire Departments.

On Monday, Jan. 25, the state announced that it has restructured Phase Two of the vaccination distribution plan and will vaccinate groups in the following order of priority:

- Individuals 75-years-old and older.

- Individuals 65-years-old and older and individuals with two or more comorbidities, meaning they have a condition that puts them at risk for severe illness should they contract COVID-19. To review these conditions, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website [here](#).
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Individuals with one comorbidity

Individuals who are 75-years-old and older can begin receiving their vaccines on Monday, Feb. 1, and can make an appointment at a vaccination site near them. To view a map of vaccination sites, click [here](#). All sites require an appointment.

However, residents should note that while the state is creating more mass vaccination sites and they may become eligible to receive the vaccination in the coming weeks, vaccination distribution is contingent on the number of physical vaccinations available. The State of Massachusetts, at this time, is prepared to distribute more vaccinations than it has.

The state has not yet announced when individuals 65-years-old and older and those with two or more comorbidities will be able to receive the vaccine. This will be announced when more information is available about additional doses of the vaccine to be provided to the state by the federal government.

The general public will not be eligible to receive the vaccine until April. To review the full vaccination distribution timeline, click [here](#).

To make an appointment at a vaccination site:

- Visit mass.gov/COVID-vaccine to find your phase and priority group
- If you're eligible, visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap to find a vaccine clinic near you
- Make an appointment online and fill out the attestation form

Town officials will continue to monitor the situation and share updates, such as specific dates of when the vaccine may become available to more people, as that information becomes available.

For the latest updates regarding vaccination distribution in Massachusetts, [click here](#).

To learn more about frequently asked questions regarding the vaccine, [click here](#).

Those with questions about the vaccine are asked to contact the state by emailing COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov.

Stay Informed about the Status of COVID-19 in Town

According to [public health data released on Thursday, Jan. 28](#), the Town's designation remains at "Red," indicating a "high risk" of spread in the community. The average daily incidence rate for the Town of Avon is 94.7 per 100,000 residents, down from 120.8 last week.

Avon officials report that there are currently 58 active cases of COVID-19 in the community. There have been a total of 357 cases in Avon since the start of the pandemic.

Any resident with questions or concerns is asked to contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414 ext. 1016, or email kwaldron@avon-ma.gov. To view video updates on Avon's public health data, visit the Town's YouTube page by clicking [here](#).

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