



Health Department

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COVID-19 vaccinations are ongoing at the Massillon City Health Department. We are currently receiving weekly vaccine shipments from the Ohio Department of Health, and those doses are presently reserved for those in Phase 1A (our healthcare workers and EMS).

The Massillon City Health Department, based on vaccine allotment, will begin vaccinating those in Phase 1B on 1/19/2021. Individuals who would like to schedule a vaccination must be aged 80+ and live within the Massillon City limits. Vaccines will be administered at no cost. Scheduling begins on 1/14/2021 at 9:00a, and you will be required to schedule both the first and second doses when you call for a vaccine appointment. Proof of age and residency will be required at time of vaccination.

Midweek of each week, the Massillon City Health Department will provide updates on who is eligible for the following week's vaccinations. Eligibility will be in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Please keep in mind that Phase 1A will continue to have priority over Phase 1B until those in Phase 1A are complete.

Appointments will only be made by telephone, and walk-ins will not be permitted to schedule. You may call (330)830-1710 or (330)830-1714 to schedule an appointment. Calls will be returned in the order that they are received. We ask that you not call multiple times as this will delay our response time. You will be asked to provide your full name, contact phone number, address, and date of birth in order to schedule an appointment. There will be no scheduling ahead to the next weekly phase until the Thursday of the week before.

As additional information becomes available, or as groups are added, the Massillon City Health Department will promptly see that this information is made available to the public. Information will be available on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MassillonCityHealthDepartment>), on our website (<https://massillonohio.gov/covid-19-vaccination-information/>), and information will be provided to The Independent. We also recommend texting VACCINEINFO to 888777 to sign up to receive vaccine information updates via Nixle.

We understand that there is a lot of anticipation and interest about moving into Phase 1B, but we ask for your patience. Our department must work within the parameters set by the Ohio Department of Health for vaccine distribution, and the entire State of Ohio will move into each phase together. In addition, the Massillon City Health Department does not currently maintain a waiting list for the vaccine outside of Phase 1A. Again, please watch our website, Facebook page, and The Independent for any updates or changes.

Please continue the preventive measures such as handwashing, physical distancing, and wearing a face mask outside of your home to reduce the spread of infection. All of these things, in combination with the COVID-19 vaccine, will help us protect the public health of the citizens of Massillon.