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Notice to Public

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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Open to Those 50 and Older on March 23rd

New York State Department of Health has announced that effective March 23, individuals age 50 and older are eligible to be vaccinated, in addition to all previously eligible groups. A vaccination POD (point of dispensing) will be held in Malone on Friday, March 26th, at the Franklin County Courthouse for all Franklin County residents who are eligible – those who are 50 and older, essential workers, or have qualifying conditions. It is by appointment only.

Who is Eligible:

- Individuals 50 and older
- Essential Workers (see list below)
- Those with qualifying conditions (see list below)

How to Register:

- Franklin County residents should use this registration link to schedule an appointment for Friday, March 26th,
<https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=BE25B86C363506C0E0530A6C7C167AC5>
- This link is also posted under “COVID Vaccination Clinics” at
<https://covid19.franklincountyny.gov>

If registration assistance is needed:

- Eligible people 60 and older, please call Franklin County Office for the Aging at 518 481-1526
- Eligible people under 60, please call COVID-19 Call Center at 518 481-1111

Vaccine Type: Moderna

- Moderna may be administered to those 18 years of age and older. It is a 2-dose vaccine, with the second dose administered 28 days after first dose.
- Second dose appointments will occur on April 23, 2021 and will be scheduled at the first dose appointment.

Required Proof:

- Proof of Franklin County zip code will be required. Proof of zip code includes driver license or non-driver ID card, or postmarked envelope with your name and address, or bill with your name and address.
- and**
- Proof of employment is needed for essential workers such as a letter from your employer, a pay stub, or uniform worn at work.
- or**
- Proof of a qualifying condition is required by completing the attestation when registering for an appointment.
- or**
- Proof of age such as a driver license or non-driver ID, or birth certificate.

If Transportation is Needed:

- Franklin County Public Transportation is available using on-demand runs within Malone. The hours of operation for this service in Malone are 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday- Friday.
This service can be used for transportation to and from pre-arranged COVID-19 vaccine appointments within Malone. There will be no fee charged for transportation services used to get the COVID-19 vaccination. Public Transportation requires a 24-hour notice to arrange transportation. Individuals can schedule these on-demand appointments by calling 518-483-9000 (during business hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm).
- Medicaid Transport -If you have Medicaid and live in Franklin County, please call the Medical Answering Service (MAS) to request transportation at 1-844-666-6270. This is a new number for all Franklin County Medicaid recipients in need of transportation to and from doctor appointments. A Medical Transportation Specialist for Franklin County will assist anyone who may need help scheduling transportation or who has any questions by calling 518-483-0934 Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Appointments will be honored for people living in the following qualifying zip codes:

12913	12920	12939	12966	12977	13655
12914	12926	12945	12969	12980	12912
12916	12930	12953	12970	12983	12989
12917	12937	12957	12976	12986	

Eligibility List

Individuals Age 50 and older

Essential Workers:

- First Responder or Support Staff for First Responder Agency
- Fire
 - State Fire Service, including firefighters and investigators (professional and volunteer)
 - Local Fire Service, including firefighters and investigators (professional and volunteer)
- Police and Investigations
 - State Police, including Troopers

- State Park Police, DEC Police, Forest Rangers
 - SUNY Police
 - Sheriffs' Offices
 - County Police Departments and Police Districts
 - City, Town, and Village Police Departments
 - Transit of other Public Authority Police Departments
 - State Field Investigations, including DMV, SCOC, Justice Center, DFS, IG, Tax, OCFS, SLA
- Public Safety Communications
 - Emergency Communication and PSAP Personnel, including dispatchers and technicians
- Other Sworn and Civilian Personnel
 - Court Officer
 - Other Police or Peace Officer
 - Support or Civilian Staff for Any of the Above Services, Agencies, or Facilities
- Corrections
 - State DOCCS Personnel, including correction and parole officers
 - Local Correctional Facilities, including correction officers
 - Probation Departments, including probation officers
 - State Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Facilities
 - Local Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Facilities
- P-12 Schools
 - P-12 school (public or non-public) or school district faculty or staff (includes all teachers, substitute teachers, student teachers, school administrators, paraprofessional staff, and support staff including bus drivers)
 - Contractor working in a P-12 school or school district (including contracted bus drivers)
 - Licensed, registered, approved or legally exempt group childcare
- In-person college faculty and instructors
- Employees or Support Staff of licensed, registered, approved or legally exempt group Childcare Setting
- Licensed, registered, approved or legally exempt group Childcare Provider
- Public Transit
 - Airline and airport employee
 - Passenger railroad employee
 - Subway and mass transit employee (i.e., MTA, LIRR, Metro North, NYC Transit, Upstate transit)
 - Ferry employee
 - Port Authority employee
 - Public bus employee
- Public facing grocery store workers, including convenience stores, bodegas, regional food banks, food pantries and permitted home-delivered meal programs

- Individual living in a homeless shelter where sleeping, bathing or eating accommodations must be shared with individuals and families who are not part of your household
- Individual working (paid or unpaid) in a homeless shelter where sleeping, bathing or eating accommodations must be shared by individuals and families who are not part of the same household, in a position where there is potential for interaction with shelter residents
- High-risk hospital and FQHC staff, including OMH psychiatric centers
- Health care or other high-risk essential staff who come into contact with residents/patients working in LTCFs and long-term, congregate settings overseen by OPWDD, OMH, OCFS, OTDA and OASAS, and residents in congregate living situations, overseen or funded by the OPWDD, OMH, OCFS, OTDA and OASAS
- Certified NYS EMS provider, including but not limited to Certified First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician – Critical Care, Paramedic, Ambulance Emergency Vehicle Operator, or Non-Certified Ambulance Assistant
- County Coroner or Medical Examiner, or employer or contractor thereof who is exposed to infectious material or bodily fluids
- Licensed funeral director, or owner, operator, employee, or contractor of a funeral firm licensed and registered in New York State, who is exposed to infectious material or bodily fluids
- Staff of urgent care provider
- Staff who administer COVID-19 vaccine
- All Outpatient/Ambulatory front-line, high-risk health care workers of any age who provide direct in-person patient care, or other staff in a position in which they have direct contact with patients (i.e., intake staff)
- All front-line, high-risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients, including those conducting COVID-19 tests, handling COVID-19 specimens and COVID-19 vaccinations
- Home care workers and aides, hospice workers, personal care aides, and consumer-directed personal care workers
- Staff and residents of nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and adult care facilities
- Restaurant employees, including workers in permitted soup kitchen and congregate meal programs
- Restaurant delivery workers
- Public facing hotel workers
- For-hire vehicle drivers, including taxi, livery, black car, and transportation network company drivers
- Public-facing government and public employees, including public works employees, social service and child service caseworkers, government inspectors, sanitation workers, DMV workers, County Clerks, and election workers.
- Not-for-profit workers who provide public-facing services to New Yorkers in need
- Essential in-person public-facing building service workers

Franklin County Residents, age 18 and older, with the following conditions qualify for the vaccine:

- Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m²), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- Liver disease

The list is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as New York State obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data.