

# COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR PHASE TWO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OVER 65

COVID -19 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE 65 AND OLDER BEGINS FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Governor Baker has announced that Massachusetts residents 65 and older may sign up for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, February 18th. This Phase 2 opening also includes those individuals with two or more specific medical conditions and residents of public and private low income and affordable housing. Qualifying medical conditions include cancer, COPD, kidney disease, Down's syndrome, heart conditions, obesity, pregnancy, smoking, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, and moderate to severe asthma.

To make an appointment, go to [www.vaxfinder.ma.gov](http://www.vaxfinder.ma.gov) Type in your zip code and you will see the list of sites. Follow the prompts to register online. Be patient! There will be one million people eligible in this phase and the state is currently receiving 160,000 doses per week. If you cannot make an appointment immediately, check back. More appointments will be available as more vaccine is received.

For those who don't have internet access or aren't comfortable using computers, the 211 phone line is available. Hours have been extended from Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm and from Friday through Sunday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The operator will help callers make appointments in their area and if none are immediately available will call back when nearby appointments open.

Pelham residents may continue to register through the Amherst Senior Center hotline at 413-259-2425 for clinics at the Amherst Regional High School.