## The Latest on Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccination

## (January 20, 2021)

Everyone age 16 and above may now register to receive a COVID-19 vaccine through the Virginia Department of Health's statewide website. To sign up, go to the Vaccinate Virginia website here.

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As you may have heard, on January 14, 2021, Gov. Northam announced that the 65+ age group and those with underlying medical conditions will be added to the phase 1b priority group.

This means that the following groups are eligible for vaccinations:

- Health care personnel and residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- People age 65+
- Frontline essential workers
- Individuals with chronic conditions
- People living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and migrant laborers

Those eligible can <u>register online</u> or by phone. The registration process collects basic information so your eligibility can be confirmed, after which, you can expect a phone call or an email that will help you proceed with scheduling your vaccination.

People who need assistance with registration, who need to register in another language, or who do not have proper internet access or technology for online appointment scheduling can contact the call center to make an appointment over the phone at 703-324-7404.

More detailed information on Group C (the next group eligible for vaccinations) is available <a href="here">here</a>.

I understand that expeditious vaccinations for COVID-19 is a high priority for many people. I am grateful to those in the medical and healthcare community--hospitals, pharmacies, local public health districts, doctors' offices, free clinics, and others--who are working together to get shots into arms.

It has been reported that, as of Sunday, only 13 other states have vaccinated more individuals than Virginia. Virginia is the 12th-largest state, thus this rate of vaccination puts the Commonwealth on par with the number of residents in our state. I will continue to work with the Governor to ensure that vaccines are distributed as quickly as possible in accordance with the CDC recommended priority list. Meanwhile, I encourage you to continue to check your locality's health department website (Fairfax, Loudoun, and Arlington) for the latest information.

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