

We are excited to announce that the age group for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at the Durham VA Health Care System has been extended to Veterans age 65 and older. Currently there are two (2) safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Be advised, COVID-19 vaccine supply is still limited. However, our goal is to vaccinate as many Veterans as possible with the supply we have currently. Please read the following information carefully.

Veterans

- Age 65 and older
- Cancer
- COPD
- Heart Disease
- Obesity
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Pregnancy
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Smoking
- Down Syndrome
- CKD/Dialysis
- Chemotherapy
- Solid organ transplant donors or recipients (this includes Veterans waiting for transplants)
- Homeless
- Living in a long-term care facility

Veteran essential workers

- Health care workers
- First responders (firefighters, police)
- Education (teachers, support staff, daycare)
- Agriculture and food processing
- Manufacturing
- Corrections workers
- U.S. Postal service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

There are appointments available on Saturday, January 23, for those Veteran who meet the criteria previously mentioned. Beginning January 21, all COVID-19 vaccinations will be in the DVAHCS Atrium, on the ground floor, in the cafeteria.

If you fall into one of the groups listed above, please call the Durham VA Health Care System at 919-286-0411 and dial "0" for the operator to schedule your appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. As additional vaccine becomes available, we will be reaching out to more Veterans.

Vaccination is important to stop the spread of COVID-19 and end the pandemic so we can get back to our lives and gather with others safely. In the meantime, please continue to wear your mask, distance from others, and wash your hands often. We can fight this pandemic together!