



COVID-19 COMMUNITY VACCINE UPDATE TO INCLUDE PEOPLE 50 TO 64 YEARS OF AGE

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Emergency Hospital Systems Vaccine Hub is excited to announce that the Texas Department of Health and Human Services has directed Vaccination Hubs to **expand vaccine eligibility to include Phase 1C Vaccine Priority to people 50 to 64 years of age.**

In a statement from the Texas Health and Human Services, "According to death certificate data collected over the course of the pandemic, 93% of Texas fatalities directly caused by Covid-19 are in people 50 years old and older. All people at least age 65, which account for 73% of Covid-19 deaths, are currently eligible for the vaccination in Texas. Expanding vaccination to those who are at least 50 years old will protect the next most vulnerable group and advance the state's dual priorities of reducing the burden of disease on people at the greatest risk of hospitalization and death and protecting the health care system."

Considering this state directive, the Texas Emergency Hospital Vaccine Hub has begun scheduling the above mentioned, individuals to start receiving the vaccination beginning March 15, 2020, and will continue to provide the administration of vaccinations to individuals that are eligible under the Phase 1A and 1B guidelines.

Phase 1A:

- Frontline healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities, plus people over 65 or with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from Covid-19.

Phase 1B:

- People 65 years of age and older.
- People 16 years of age and older with a least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes Covid-19, such as but not limited to:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - Solid organ transplantation
 - Obesity and sever obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher)
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus



- Educator (**school and childcare operations**)
“those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs (including teachers, staff, and bus drivers) and those who work as or for licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers.”

Phase 1C:

- People 50 to 64 years of age.

**TO SCHEDULE A VACCINATION APPOINTMENT
PLEASE CALL OUR CALL CENTER:**

**281-806-7370
281-806-7380**

Please visit our website www.emergencyhospitals.care for more Call Center Information and Covid-19 vaccination information.

We continue to encourage everyone to wear a face covering, practice social distancing and use proper hand hygiene to continue the fight to end Covid-19!

Thank you for your continued support for Emergency Hospital Systems! We look forward to providing our community with the Covid-19 vaccine!