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What medical conditions qualify me to get vaccinated earlier?

New Hampshire (two or more for Phase 1b or one or more for Phase 3a) and Vermont (once people over 65 are vaccinated):

- **■**cancer
- **■**chronic kidney disease
- ■COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and other high-risk pulmonary disease
- **■**Down syndrome
- ■heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- ■immunocompromised states
- **■**obesity
- **■**pregnancy
- ■sickle cell disease
- ■Type 2 diabetes mellitus

In New Hampshire, patients without two or more of these conditions may still qualify for Phase 1b if a health care provider determines they are at significant risk of developing serious illness due to COVID-19.

How do I register to get vaccinated?

New Hampshire residents: Beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, people who are 65 and older can register to be vaccinated at one of the state's 13 fixed sites, including one in Lebanon and one in Claremont, by visiting <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u>. People without internet access can call 211 to register.

People under 65 who are prioritized due to medical conditions need to register through their health care provider to confirm eligibility. There is no requirement to retain any verification forms, but a person's associated medical conditions should be documented in their health record. People in this category without a health care provider should call 211 to be connected to one.

Other Phase 1b New Hampshire residents should also register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting vaccines.nh.gov or calling 211, through their employer or through a vaccination clinic organized by a regional public health network.

Vermont residents: People will register online through the Vermont Department of Health.

If they are not able to register online, they can call a phone number. State officials have said the website and phone number will be posted on or before Jan. 25.

Once it's my turn to get vaccinated, where can I expect that to happen? In general, many residents of both Vermont and New Hampshire can expect to be vaccinated at state-run vaccination clinics, not at their primary care physician's office.

In New Hampshire, the National Guard is currently staffing the 13 fixed locations throughout the state, including the Lebanon armory and the River Valley Community College campus in Claremont. But people can get vaccinated only if they have registered.

Vermont also will offer vaccines at regional clinics set up by the state for each phase of the distribution process. Hospitals, health care providers and pharmacies also will play roles in the rollout.

How many vaccines have been distributed?

As of Wednesday, Vermont had given out a total of 42,700 doses of vaccine, and 6,575 people had received both of the two shots required of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines now available, according to the <u>state's dashboard</u>. About 6% of the state's population has received at least one dose of vaccine. That includes 2,979 people in Windsor County and 1,300 people in Orange County.

New Hampshire, which has more than twice the population of Vermont, had given out a total of 72,000 doses and 7,120 people had received their second dose as of Wednesday, according to Bloomberg's <u>vaccine tracker</u>. A county-by-county breakdown of vaccinations in New Hampshire was not readily available on Wednesday. State officials are still developing a vaccine dashboard.

More resources

New Hampshire: General information is online at <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and by phone at 211. Dartmouth-Hitchcock also has an information page at <u>dartmouth-hitchcock.org/patient-education/covid-19-vaccine.html</u>.

Vermont: General information is online at <a href="https://nearth-near