

# Leverett area COVID-19 Vaccination Information, 4/8/2021

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## ROLLOUT

We are presently in Massachusetts Phase 2, and people 55 or older, those with one or more comorbidities, first responders, health care workers, teachers, certain essential workers, and other select groups are now eligible for vaccination <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-phases>. On Monday, 4/19/2021, eligibility will expand to include the general public. Check your eligibility and find nearby vaccination sites at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations#find-your-appointment->. Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccines administered per capita among states with over 5 million people and ranks in the top 10 of 50 states in terms of doses administered per capita <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>. As of 4/5/2021, 82% of Massachusetts residents 75 or older have received a first dose. 24% of Black residents and 16% of Hispanic residents have received a first dose. As of 4/6/2021, Massachusetts has received 4,906,820 coronavirus vaccine doses, 4,111,327 doses have been administered, and 1,571,073 individuals have been fully vaccinated <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates>. As of 4/6/2021, in Franklin County 40% have received a first vaccination dose and 23% are now fully vaccinated <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates#weekly-covid-19-vaccination-dashboard->. In Hampshire County 36% have received a first dose and 21% are fully vaccinated.

As of 4/5/2021 Massachusetts vaccination eligibility expanded to include those 55 years or older, or those with one certain comorbidity: cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma, cystic fibrosis and others; dementia and neurological conditions; diabetes (type 1 or 2); Down syndrome, heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies, hypertension); HIV; immunocompromized; liver disease; overweight and obesity; pregnancy; sickle cell disease or thalassemia; smoking (current or former), solid organ or blood stem cell transplant; stroke or cerebrovascular disease; substance use disorders

On 4/19/2021 Massachusetts will expand vaccine eligibility to the general public (Phase 3).

As of 3/22/2021 Massachusetts vaccination eligibility expanded to include those 60 years or older, restaurant or café workers, food, meatpacking, beverage, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, or food service workers, grocery and convenience store workers, food pantry workers or volunteers, medical supply chain workers, vaccine development workers, transit/transportation workers, public works, water, wastewater, or utility workers, sanitation workers, public health workers, court system workers (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clerks, maintenance workers), and funeral directors and funeral workers.

As of 3/11/2021, child care workers, K-12 educators and school staff are eligible for vaccination. Appointments for this group are reserved for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> at the state's seven mass vaccination sites (e.g. Eastfield Mall in Springfield).

As of 3/12/2021 preregistration is available for vaccine appointments at the state's mass vaccination sites (e.g. Eastfield Mall in Springfield) <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/preregister-for-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment>. Instead of attempting to secure an appointment directly upon its announcement, eligible applicants will be notified that appointments are available and will be allowed 24 hours to confirm an appointment. Local vaccination sites are encouraged to adopt the preregistration system.

Franklin County has launched a website to support its clinics: [www.FranklinCountyMAVaccine.org.vaccination](http://www.FranklinCountyMAVaccine.org.vaccination). Presently planned Franklin County clinics will only administer second doses.

As of 3/1/2021, a regional vaccine clinic serves eligible Massachusetts residents. A primary site at the Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz St., Northampton ([www.northamptonma.gov/vaccineclinics](http://www.northamptonma.gov/vaccineclinics)) expects to distribute 840 vaccine doses a day, Tuesdays – Saturdays; a satellite location at the Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, [www.amherstcovid19.org/vaccine](http://www.amherstcovid19.org/vaccine) plans to offer 250 doses daily, 4 or 5 days per week.

As of 2/18/2021, people age 65 and older are eligible for vaccination. Low income and affordable senior housing residents and staff are eligible. Following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, people with 2 of the following confirmed conditions are eligible: cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD

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(chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Down Syndrome, heart conditions (e.g. heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), immunocompromized from solid organ transplant, obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, type 2 diabetes mellitus, asthma (moderate-severe).

As of 2/11/2021 individuals accompanying a person 75+ to their vaccination appointment at a mass vaccination site (e.g. Eastfield Mall) are eligible for a same-day vaccination. These companions (one per senior) can sign up for an appointment adjacent to the senior's appointment.

As of 2/5/2021 Massachusetts offers a telephone option (211) to schedule vaccinations. The call center is open M-F, 8:30 AM - 5 PM. LifePath <https://lifepathma.org/> offers help in booking vaccinations (413.829.9285). Franklin Regional Council of Governments' hotline (413-774-3167 x 153) also provides recorded vaccination information. A recently developed website, <http://www.macovidvaccines.com>, and a twitter bot, <https://twitter.com/vaccinetime>, list available appointments at vaccination sites. Dr.B (<https://hidrb.com/>) allows preregistration for leftover doses and notifies eligible individuals when these become available.

As of 2/1/2021, individuals 75 and older are eligible for vaccination.

As of 1/21/2021 all Phase 1-eligible individuals can schedule appoints for vaccination. Those are healthcare workers, residents and staff of long-term care facilities, first responders, congregate care staff and residents, and home-based health care workers.

## AREA VACCINATION SITES

View and book appointments at <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>. Small numbers of new appointments may become available daily at regional sites. Large numbers of new appointments for the mass vaccination site in Springfield and high volume vaccination site in Amherst become available weekly.

### Serving Franklin County (and Massachusetts)

Tree House Brewing Company, 1 Community Place, South Deerfield. Second doses will chiefly be offered in March.

Kringle Candle—The Barn at the Farm Table, 220 South Street, Bernardston

Franklin County Technical School, 82 Industrial Blvd., Turners Falls (Montague)

### Serving Western Massachusetts

**Large throughput vaccination site**, UMass Campus Center, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, room 168, <https://www.umass.edu/coronavirus/vaccine>. New appointments become available on Fridays.

### Serving Massachusetts statewide

Greenfield CVS, 137 Federal Street Greenfield, 413.774.7201. New appointments post around 5:30 – 6:00 AM

Jon Zon Center, 35 Pleasant Street, Greenfield, 413.775.6411, email [vaccine.clinics@greenfield-ma.gov](mailto:vaccine.clinics@greenfield-ma.gov).

Baystate Franklin Medical Center, 164 High Street, Greenfield

Greenfield Big Y, 237 Mohawk Trail Route 2, Greenfield

Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton

Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst

Amherst CVS, 165 University Drive, Amherst, 800.746.7287

Athol CVS, 1653 Main St., Athol, 800.746.7287

Northampton Big Y, 136 N. King Street (Route 5), Northampton,

**Mass vaccination site**, Eastfield Mall, 1655 Boston Road, Springfield. Preregister for an appointment <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/preregister-for-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment>.