Here’s how Mass. residents 75 and older should be able to sign up for the vaccine

Massachusetts residents 75 and older should now be able to register for appointments at scores of COVID-19 immunization sites across the state as part of Phase 2 of the state’s vaccination distribution timeline that will roll out the first shots for this age cohort, approximately 450,000 people, beginning Monday.

Online registration opened up for some vaccination sites at midnight Wednesday, although it was unclear as of 5 a.m. whether many of the listed locations were actually open for registration, as residents in the region reported problems when trying to sign up themselves or loved ones.

Eligible residents under the current plan include those over 75, but individuals 65 and older and individuals
with two or more comorbidities, as well as early education and K-12 and other essential service workers, although also considered part of Phase 2, are not yet eligible.

All vaccination locations, which can be viewed at [https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine), require appointments, and individuals must present proof of eligibility to receive the vaccine. The website doesn’t offer a single schedule form, but instead links to signup pages at each location. The vaccine requires two doses that must be received at the same location, according to state officials. The state also notes that it may take several weeks to secure an appointment, and additional appointments will become available as more vaccine supply arrives.

As many individuals within this demographic may lack Internet access or are uncomfortable with computers, some might be wondering how to get themselves or loved ones signed up for the vaccine. As of early Wednesday, many residents were reporting difficulties securing slots.

Here is a look at how the registration process should work.
Step 1

Explore this map of vaccination locations, also on mass.gov.

Click on the icon with an arrow in the top left of the map to view a list of locations. Click on map pins for hours, contact information, and signup details.

Map legend:

- Red star: Mass vaccination sites (high-volume, large-venue sites)
- Green star: General vaccination sites (health care locations)
- Blue star: General vaccination sites (pharmacy/grocery locations)
- Yellow star: Local vaccination sites (open to select cities or towns)

Step 2

After you pick a site, visit the subsequent website that will prompt you with its own set of instructions on how to make an appointment. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health notes that if individuals live in an eligible public or private affordable low-
income senior housing location, there may be an onsite clinic being planned, and that more information will be presented once available.

Step 3

Fill out a self attestation form, and be ready to present it at your appointment. The attestation form is used to demonstrate individuals are eligible for the vaccine. The form is only available for individuals 75 and older once Phase 2 is activated, which was at midnight Wednesday. The form asks individuals to identify which priority group they belong to. It can be filled out online or filled out and printed as a PDF. On the day of your appointment, either show the confirmation email or bring the printed PDF. The attestation can also be done verbally or in writing at the vaccination site, according to the DPH.

Step 4

On the day of your appointment, vaccination sites will likely ask for an insurance card or identification card upon arrival. While the vaccination is free whether or not you have insurance, the state asks that residents bring along their insurance information if they have it.
The state also asks that individuals present an identification card that includes residents’ names and titles. Employer-issued or government-issued identification cards, as well as recent paystubs, suffice.

You will not need to provide a social security card or government-issued identification to receive the vaccine. According to the DPH, you will never be asked for a credit card number to make an appointment.

If individuals need assistance scheduling an appointment, the state recommends contacting the Local Council on Aging or regional Aging Services Access Points. Additional information regarding vaccination options will be released as they become available.

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Veteran at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke receives vaccine

The first veteran at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke
received COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday. (Pool via WCVB)