

Dear ADDP Members,

Please see an important Congregate Care / Shelter Update from Katie Mick, Undersecretary for Human Services.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
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Newly Launched COVID-19 Vaccine Location & Appointment Finder for Certain Vaccination Sites

On February 12th the Commonwealth launched the [COVID-19 Vaccine Finder](#) to help residents more easily find COVID-19 vaccination locations and view appointment availability for some sites. The tool can be accessed via the state's vaccination website at www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine or directly at <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov>. It is available in a wide range of languages.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Finder displays all vaccination locations open to residents across the Commonwealth, but **only includes appointment availability details for mass vaccination locations and some sites operated by local health departments at this time**. The tool updates appointment availability every 5 minutes for participating vaccination locations. Availability details for additional sites will be included over time.

In the tool, users can enter their **zip code, city/town name, or the name of a vaccination location** to find sites near them. Users can also filter results by site type, such as mass vaccination locations, locations run by local health departments, retail pharmacies or health care locations.

Once a user selects a vaccination location, they can view:

- Available appointments (currently select sites only)
- Vaccines offered (Pfizer/Moderna)
- Directions via Google Maps and MBTA Trip Planner information
- Specific site instructions and whether the site is indoors or outdoors
- Disability access information

Residents can use www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine to check if they are eligible for vaccination, find and schedule an appointment, and prepare for their appointment. Residents 75 and older who do not have internet, or cannot use the website, can **call 2-1-1 to access the Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line** to schedule an appointment over the phone.

DPH Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Educational Materials and Support

Please join the Department of Public Health on **Tuesday, February 16th 12:00 – 1:00pm** for a webinar that will:

- Encourage and support community-based organizations to conduct their own community education sessions on the COVID-19 vaccine using DPH-approved educational material.
- Describe how to use and access educational materials such as:
 - [Guide to hosting community forums](#)
 - Answers to frequently asked questions
 - Other materials available on mass.gov including data dashboards
- Describe how to request a DPH “Vaccine Ambassador” to support community meetings.

Please [register here](#) to join the webinar.

Reminder: Please see below regarding the brief vaccine survey to be completed by 5pm today (2/12)

Dear Congregate Care and Shelter Providers,

Each of us working on the vaccination effort would like to extend our sincere thanks for all of the phenomenal efforts you have made to help bring the COVID-19 vaccine to some of the Commonwealth’s most vulnerable residents and staff working in congregate care settings. Due to all of your efforts, we have seen ~1,250 sites receive a vaccination clinic through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership, and the Department of Public Health has shipped over 35,000 doses of vaccine specifically for Congregate Care and Shelter settings alone in just a few short weeks.

As part of the Commonwealth's continued efforts to ensure all Congregate Care and Shelter sites receive the vaccine they need, as quickly as possible, we are requesting that your organization complete a brief (no more than ~5 minutes) survey once per week. This survey is intended to show a high-level view into the vaccination progress each of you are making. By completing this survey, you will help the Commonwealth (1) ensure all Congregate Care and Shelter sites are receiving the support they need and (2) ensure the Commonwealth can continue to prioritize our vaccine allocations appropriately.

- **We request that the first response be submitted by 5:00pm this Friday (2/12)**

On an ongoing basis, please strive to submit one survey for your entire organization once per week. All survey submissions submitted by the end of day on Friday will be incorporated into vaccine tracking efforts in the following week- your organizations most recent survey will be used each week, regardless of when it was submitted.

This survey is intended to require only a few minutes of your time. When precise number are not readily available, please provide your best estimations for all questions.

The survey can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6157328/Vaccine-Completion-Survey-for-Congregate-Care>