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Tri-Town Health District

Tri-Town Health District, its staff and employees continue to combat COVID-19 as we are rounding into the latter part of Winter in the Berkshires. Although we see positivity rates slowly decline, we are not out of the woods yet. There is a lot of work to do as we transition into mass vaccination mode.

As you have seen in multiple media outlets, we are beginning large scale vaccination clinics in three (3) locations throughout the Berkshire (St. Elizabeth's Parish in North Adams, BCC Paterson Field House in Pittsfield, and WEB DuBois Middle School in Great Barrington) for seniors 75 years and older, as well as remaining unvaccinated members of priority groups listed in Phase I. While, for some, there has been a lot of frustration, confusion, and difficulty in trying to register, we assure you we are all working very hard to assist those that need have difficulty finding or registering for a clinic.

- For general inquiries on what priority group is currently being vaccinated call the Hotline 413-449-5575
- To search for scheduled clinics and to register if you qualify, go to <https://www.getvaccinatedberkshires.org/> This comprehensive site was created by BHS and local partners to provide one site that can serve multiple functions. It lists the locations, FAQ's, and a direct registration link. (Be sure if you find a location that you look to see if there are any open slots) Additional instructions such as how to dress and what documents to bring are also on the website.
- The following link will direct you to the Massachusetts map that will show locations other than the 3 locations noted above in the Berkshires. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations-for-individuals-in-eligible-groups-and-phases> You will see a map with different color code stars. Other than the 3 sites listed above, there are private locations such as Stop and Shop, Walgreens, and Berkshire Allergy Care that now can offer vaccinations. We ask that you contact them directly they are not affiliated with the Berkshire Boards of Health vaccination teams.
- Several Councils on Aging (COAs) have been trained to assist those who need help registering. If you need help, please reach out to any COA in the Berkshires and they will assist you. The COA locations and phone numbers are listed below in this update.
- Contact your local board of health if you still need assistance.
- We also provide several links on the Tri-Town site. www.tritownhealth.org

Currently there are no openings for the first few clinics, as they have filled up quickly because the current vaccine supply is limited. We assure you that, as more vaccine comes to the Berkshires, there will be more clinics scheduled. Please be sure to check the above sites frequently until you obtain a vaccination appointment.

In the meantime, we ask that you continue to practice universal precautions including social distancing, masking, washing hands and limiting exposure/travel to large gatherings outside of your family bubble, and frequently check local and state websites. We know it's a hard ask but we ask you to bear with us a bit longer as we move through this unprecedented situation.

On behalf of the Tri-Town Health District and our local Boards of Health, we thank you for your continued fight and your patience as we continue to move forward to ending this pandemic.

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County Listing of Council on Aging willing to assist residents to register for COVID-19 vaccination. If you reside in a community not listed below, you may call any of the COA and they will assist you.

	Phone #
Williamstown	413-458-8250
Adams	413-743-8333
North Adams	413-662-3125
Sheffield	413-229-7037
Pittsfield	413-499-9346
Great Barrington	413-528-1881
Lee	413-243-5545
Dalton	413-684-2000
Lenox	(413) 637-4787

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