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The Daviess County Health Department, per the guidance of the Indiana Department of Health, announces the following changes to eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine for distribution to Phase 1A and 1B individuals effective immediately. The only people who currently meet eligibility criteria are: all Hoosiers age 65 and older; patient facing healthcare professionals who live in Indiana, or who can show proof they work in Indiana, and have face-to-face interactions with patients (see the IDOH website for a full eligibility list); first responders who are firefighters, police officers or sheriff's deputies, Emergency Medical Services, reservists, or correctional officers who live in Indiana, or show proof that they work in Indiana, and who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to give medical aid. Eligible recipients must live in Indiana or show proof that they are employed by an Indiana business and meet the above criteria. A photo ID, proof of age, or verification of current employment as a healthcare worker or first responder (according to the above definition) will be required upon arrival at the vaccination clinic.

The current eligibility group does not include anyone outside the "first responder" definition above. A non-exhaustive list of people who currently DO NOT meet eligibility criteria: 911 dispatchers, other city employees with the local designation of "first responders," judges, lawyers, prosecutors, bus drivers, snow plow drivers, sanitation workers, volunteers, or clergy who are not actively seeing patients in a hospital or long-term care setting.

Phase 1A and 1B individuals are now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment. The timeline for additional phases of vaccine administration is yet to be determined. Individuals should refer to the IDOH website or can call the IDOH call center if they have questions about their eligibility status.

The Daviess County Health Department does maintain a "stand-by" list for the end of the day when we have leftover doses that must be given that evening so that they are not wasted. At this time, our standby list reflects ONLY people who are considered at high risk for hospitalization and death from a COVID-19 infection. People 60 and older and/or people who meet the CDC's definition of persons at higher risk of hospitalization and death, active cancer receiving treatment, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant, obesity, severe obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, or type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Visit ourshot.in.gov to schedule an appointment. If you have difficulty registering online or if you know someone eligible to get vaccinated who doesn't have access to a computer, please dial 211 from any phone for assistance or to register.

Pre-registration will allow you to get in and out of your appointment quickly. The clinic will be at the Daviess County Health Department, 300 E Hefron Street in Washington. You will see entrance signs at the parking lot entrance on 4th street, which is the east side of the new Government center.

Everyone will need to remain in their car until their scheduled appointment time. Health Department staff will be present upon your arrival and will give you further instruction before leaving your car. If you have any concerns regarding leaving your vehicle, notify the staff and accommodations will be made.

Only the person scheduled for the appointment will be allowed to enter the building unless you have special needs or are a direct caregiver. We must maintain social distancing and masks are required.

After receiving your vaccination, you will return to your vehicle and wait 15 minutes or longer as instructed by the staff. While in your car if you become sick, or feel you need assistance, please honk your horn.

We will only be allocated a limited number of vaccines weekly. The online appointment scheduling is in direct correlation with the number of vaccines that are available. We will not be able to accept walk-ins, you must have an appointment to be vaccinated. For any additional information visit ourshot.in.gov.