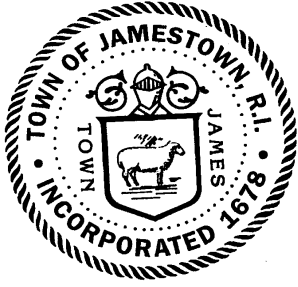


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Dear Residents, Businesses, and Community Partners,

As we wait our turn to be vaccinated, please continue to wear [high-quality masks](#), wash your hands, limit large gatherings, and keep your distance.

There are several updates this week related to vaccine eligibility and sites, and business guidance.

COVID-19 Vaccine

This week, Governor McKee announced an updated vaccination schedule with the goal of opening eligibility to everyone ages 16 and older by April 19th. New age groups will be added over the next few weeks (please see the schedule below).

The Department of Health is opening two new vaccination sites this weekend in West Kingstown (Schneider Electric, 132 Fairgrounds Road) and Woonsocket (former Sears building, 1500 Diamond Hill Road). On Friday, March 26, 2021 at 5pm, the state will open approximately 2,500 new appointments between those sites and the existing Cranston and Middletown sites.

Veterans: VA New England Healthcare System facilities are now offering [COVID-19 vaccines](#) to enrolled Veterans of all ages. The vaccine clinics at the New Hope Church in Swansea MA & at URI in South Kingstown RI this Saturday, March 27th, 9am-1pm, are exclusively for VETS. You must bring a copy of your DD214 if you are not currently enrolled in the VA. Active Duty are not eligible at this time. For more details visit: <https://www.providence.va.gov/>

Homebound: Rhode Islanders, unable to leave home to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or are the healthcare provider or family caregiver of someone who is homebound, please inform RIDOH through the following form: <http://bit.ly/homeboundvax>.

Pre-Register: Rhode Islanders can now preregister for the vaccine on portal.ri.gov or by calling 844-930-1779.

Eligibility: Rhode Islanders who are 60 to 64 years of age and those who are age 16 to 64 with [specific underlying health conditions](#) are eligible for vaccinations.

State Appointment Schedule: *New* appointments at state-run vaccination sites will be added to www.VaccinateRI.org on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Options for [eligible Rhode Islanders](#) to be vaccinated:

1. **State Sites:** Register for a vaccine here: [here](#) or call 844-930-1779.
2. **Pharmacies:** [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#), [Walmart](#), [Stop and Shop](#).
3. [Lifespan Clinic](#)

For more information on vaccines, visit: <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>. Sign up for RIDOH's weekly vaccination newsletter [here](#).

COVID-19 Testing

If you are feeling sick, please get tested. Rapid and PCR testing is available at various locations throughout the state. A full list of locations is located [here](#). To make an appointment click [here](#). **Jamestown Testing Site: Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on West Street behind St. Matthews Church and the Town Hall, both Rapid and PCR testing's available.**

Rhode Island Businesses can access the state's [COVID-19 Business Testing Contact Center](#).

Updates on Guidelines

Additional changes to the [re-opening guidelines](#) were made this week:

- Restaurants may increase seating at outdoor tables from 8 people to 10 (indoor seating remains 8)
- Self-service seating at food courts or other eateries will again be allowed with distancing and cleaning requirements
- Gyms may reopen shower facilities with certain requirements
- Businesses are no longer be required to keep a cleaning log, though regular cleaning and sanitizing must continue, especially on high-touch surfaces.
- Organizations that are planning large events in May and later can start working with the Department of Business Regulation on event review and approvals. Events on or after May 1 that expect up to 1000 people can fill out an [event form](#).

Local Updates

All Town of Jamestown government buildings are open with necessary safety precautions and some limited access. I ask whenever possible please avoid in person meetings. If your conducting business in our buildings please attempt to use alternative methods such as: telephone, appointment, drop box, window service, email and other electronic means.

To Track Covid-19 cases by municipalities go to:

<https://ridoh-covid-19-response-geography-site-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com>

Jamestown Food Pantries: Community food pantries should you need assistance. Jamestown Community Food Pantry 401-560-4080, St Mark Food Pantry 401-423-1421 or the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center 401-846-4828.

Supporting Local Businesses

These new restrictions present additional barriers for small businesses, during a time when they are already struggling. I strongly urge residents to **Shop Local** this year. Many are offering online ordering or curbside pick-up.

[Shop Local Rhode Island](#) also has a full listing of Rhode Island businesses and services.]

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

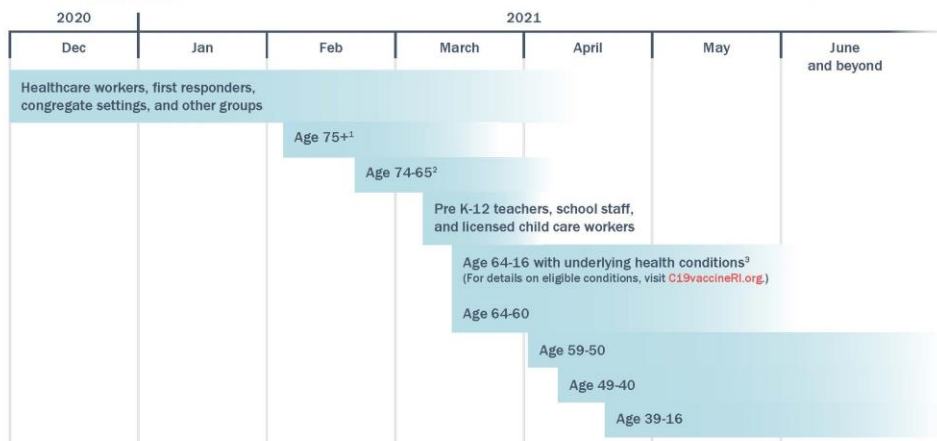
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When Will I Get My First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine?

This is an **estimated** timeline of when specific groups will become eligible to make first dose appointments.



Notes: This estimated timeline assumes that supply will increase over time and uptake within each group will be 70%. Across this timeline, the State will continue efforts to speed up vaccine distribution in high-density communities with higher rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. This timeline is subject to change at any time due to factors outside of the State's control (i.e. receiving more vaccine than expected or less vaccine than forecasted).

¹ Assumes 25% of those 75 and older were vaccinated in earlier groups.

² Assumes 15% of those 65-74 were vaccinated in earlier groups.

³ Assumes 25% of adults with high-risk conditions were vaccinated in earlier groups.