



News Release

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MCPH VACCINATION TIER 1B DISTRIBUTION BEGINS

Limited allocation of vaccine for Muscatine County will be distributed this month

MUSCATINE, Iowa - The Muscatine County Public Health (MCPH) Department's phase 1B vaccination plan is based on an extremely limited allocation of vaccines. **Plans are subject to change based on vaccines assigned and received.**

- 300 doses anticipated to be received during the week of 2/1/21
- 400 additional doses assigned to our county projected to be received the week of 2/1/21 or 2/8/21
- Target population estimated for 1B is 15,000 – 20,000 in Muscatine County

MCPH Department's plan to distribute the initial 300 doses to 1B (people aged 65 + and a small group of tier 1 workforce) will be as follows. Half of the doses will be administered to senior living apartment buildings in Muscatine County through the partnership of pharmacies. The other half of the doses will be administered to first responders in Muscatine County (firefighters, all law enforcement with cities and county, & child welfare



social workers). We will be in direct contact with the eligible populations to schedule appointments.

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WHEN WILL I GET A COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Vaccine Distribution to Priority Populations

PHASE 1B - IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Persons aged 65 and older are eligible for the vaccine during any tier.

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4	TIER 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First responders (e.g., firefighters, police officers, and child welfare social workers)• PK-12 school staff, early childhood education, and childcare workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food, agriculture, distribution and manufacturing workers who work in or live in congregate settings that do not allow for social distancing• Individuals with disabilities living in home settings and their direct care staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff of and individuals living in congregate settings (does not include college dormitories)• Government officials, to ensure continuity of government including staff, engaged in state business at the Iowa Capitol during the legislative session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspectors responsible for hospital, long-term care, and child safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correctional facility staff and individuals incarcerated

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Timeframes are estimated as of January 2021 and are subject to change.

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MCPH Department's plan to distribute the additional 400 doses to 1B (people aged 65 + and tier 1 workforce) will be as follows. MCPH will work collaboratively with approved vaccine providers to administer to patients aged 65 + and begin dispensing to school districts and childcare providers. Approved vaccine providers will contact their patients directly and MCPH will be in direct contact with school administration and childcare provider businesses to set up their clinics when the vaccine is available.

MCPH Department is continuing to vaccinate Phase 1A target populations with 2nd doses while beginning Phase 1B initial doses. Our commitment to Muscatine County is



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that we will vaccinate the targeted populations as guided by the Iowa Department of Public Health with the vaccine we are provided.

Please know that each of you matters to us. Our local public health department is continuing to do our best to serve our county with daily essential public health services and COVID-19 mass vaccine clinics. With patience and grace, we will and can make it through this together.

For our most recent update on our COVID-19 vaccine process please visit <https://www.muscatinecountyiowa.gov/>, [Trinity Muscatine Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine | UnityPoint](#), or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Muscatine-Public-Health-221869804495734/>.

For COVID-19 administered vaccine dashboards for the state of Iowa please visit <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/> and click on “vaccine administration” for their current reports.