

VT and NH are both gearing up to start giving out covid-19 vaccines. VT is planning on distributing to people ages 75+. NH is planning on offering the vaccine for those 65+ and those 16-64 with high risk conditions. Both states are planning that this will take weeks! Just because NH is offering to a larger group does not mean that people in NH will get the vaccine faster. Please look at the relevant information for your state below.

VERMONT. The state plans to start to give vaccine to those 75+ on January 25<sup>th</sup>. They expect that it will take about 6 weeks to get through this age group. The registration is not yet available but they expect to start at the end of the month. Once they have vaccinated this group, they will move onto 65+ and then other groups. If someone is homebound, EMS will be helping out. At this time, we do not have more information than the general public regarding the vaccine sites and when the online registration will be available. Please go to <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine> to stay up to date. You do not need any information from us to register.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Starting Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, anyone who is 65 or older will qualify to be vaccinated as part of Phase 1b and may go to [www.vaccines.nh.gov](http://www.vaccines.nh.gov) to register. Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation link that will take you to the appointment website. If you cannot access the website, you can call 211 to register.

In our region, the vaccine location is the Lebanon National Guard Armory, located adjacent to the Dartmouth Coach terminal just off Route 120.

Vaccines will be delivered in a drive through format.

Please expect that there will be significant delays in the early days. There are over 300,000 NH residents who will qualify and vaccine supply is limited. We expect that that it will take into March to vaccinate this group and that many people may experience problems or delays as they try to register initially. Individuals under the age of 65 with TWO or more qualifying health conditions and their caregivers may also schedule a vaccine during Phase 1b but will need to provide a certification from White River Family Practice.

Qualifying health conditions include 1) Active cancer, 2) Chronic Kidney disease, 3) COPD, 4) Heart conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies 5) Immune compromised states 6) Severe obesity 7) Pregnancy, 8) Type 2 diabetes Mellitus 9) Down Syndrome and 10) Sickle Cell disease.

We are aware of the need to send this information to the state to help you register and will be working hard. We appreciate your patience! If you only have one qualifying condition, you will be given the vaccine at a later date.

If you would like to see NH's allocation plan please visit

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid19-vaccine-allocation-plan-summary.pdf>