

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RE: MARION COUNTY VACCINE AVAILABILITY FEBRUARY 1-5

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Iowa moves into Phase 1-B, tier 1 effective this week, February 1, 2021. Phase 1-B, tier 1, focuses on first responders, including fire fighters, police officers, and child welfare workers. Due to limited supply of vaccine, Marion County will also open to HIGH RISK PK-12 school staff, early childhood education, and childcare workers. Each of the schools has been requested to provide us numbers of vaccine necessary to cover their high risk, and their total staffing. As vaccine becomes more plentiful, and these high risk groups receive coverage, the remainder of tier 1 will open for all of the remainder of those eligible in 1-B, tier 1, to be inclusive of all school staff, early childhood education, and child care workers.

Once a group becomes eligible, the group remains eligible throughout the remainder of the vaccine rollout. This means that those who were eligible in 1-A, health care workers, continue to be eligible. This will include all workers who will be a part of upcoming vaccine distribution Points of Dispensing.

Elderly population, people 65 years old and older, also qualify under 1-B tier 1. Our seniors will be eligible throughout 1-B. We encourage our seniors to receive their vaccine from local pharmacies.

Marion County has received an additional allocation of 500 first doses of Moderna covid-19 vaccine. Please remember that a second “booster dose” will need to be received after 28 days from the first dose. Plan to receive the second dose from the same provider as the first dose. Each of the following pharmacies have been allocated 100 doses, to be delivered mid-week:

Hy Vee Pella
Pella Regional Pharmacy
HyVee Knoxville
Knoxville Medicap

The remaining 100 doses will be delivered to Knoxville Hospital and Clinics for their vaccination clinic to be held on Thursday.

The clinics at Marion County Public Health will continue to focus on making the health care system, education system, and childcare systems safe. The specialty groups named in the Phase 1-A and 1-B tier 1 are central to that goal. Firefighters, law enforcement, child welfare workers, health care workers, High Risk(HR) teachers, HR early education, and HR child care workers, and subsequently all school staff, early education, and child care will be next to be the focus of receiving vaccine. Those associated with a school district do not need to make an appointment through the MCPHD link, as MCPHD is working with the school district.

Those who have been eligible in Phase 1 will not receive preferential scheduling but can be sent the link to get on current schedule as appointments are available.

We encourage the 65 year old and older group to receive their vaccinations from local pharmacies or from the Knoxville Hospital and Clinics vaccination clinic.

Phase 1-B, Tier 1

Vaccine availability February 1-5, 2021.

Eligible Group	How to Sign Up	Where to get Vaccine
First Responders: Fire fighters, police officers	Have received the link to sign up through their local association	Marion County Public Health Vermeer POD Trial Run
child welfare social workers	Email covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov to request sign up link	Marion County Public Health Vermeer POD Trial Run
HIGH RISK PK-12 school staff	Schools have lists prepared	To Be Determined
HIGH RISK early childhood education	Email covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov to request sign up link	Marion County Public Health Vermeer POD Trial Run
HIGH RISK childcare workers	Email covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov to request sign up link	Marion County Public Health Vermeer POD Trial Run
Health Care workers	Email covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov to request sign up link	Marion County Public Health Vermeer POD Trial Run
People 65 years old and older	<p>Check with your local pharmacy Knoxville: Medicap, HyVee Pella: PRHC Pharmacy, HyVee</p> <p>Sign up at Knoxville Hospital after 8:30 on Monday, Feb 1st by calling 641-842-7015. They will announce on KNIA, their facebook page, and website once all appointments are filled.</p>	<p>Check with your local pharmacy Knoxville: Medicap, HyVee Pella: PRHC Pharmacy, HyVee</p> <p>Knoxville Hospital and Clinic vaccination clinic</p>