



Press Release

Macon County Public Health Streamlines Vaccine Registration and Appointment Scheduling

Macon County Public Health has streamlined the COVID-19 vaccination registration and appointment scheduling process in an effort to register individuals and schedule appointments in a timelier manner.

Beginning Tuesday, January 25, 2021, individuals who need to register or schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination should call **828-524-1500**. The Call Center is operating Monday through Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Macon County is currently vaccinating individuals' eligible for Group 1 (Health Care Workers with in-person Patient Contact) and Group 2 (Individuals age 65 and over). Those who are eligible under either of these groups who have not registered or need to schedule an appointment should call 828-524-1500.

Vaccination clinics are being held Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Due to vaccine allocations not meeting the current demand, Macon County Public Health has begun a waitlist system for individuals who register or need to schedule appointments from January 25, 2021 forward. Appointment slots will be established based on vaccine supply. As vaccine becomes available individuals on the waitlist will be contacted with their appointment date and time.

Individuals' needing an appointment for COVID-19 testing should call 828-349-2517. Testing clinics are also being held daily Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Macon County Public Health is providing testing and vaccination clinics through a drive-thru clinic at 1830 Lakeside Drive in Franklin and, an appointment is required. We are continually working on ways to expand current capacity and streamlining the scheduling process and request the community assist us by holding calls to schedule vaccinations until your phase is announced.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a "Safer at Home" executive order, currently under phase three with masks required to be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members strictly follow the governor's orders and continue to practice social distancing, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2517.

**Beginning January 25th, 2021
COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing**

**Appointment
Required**

Monday—Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Macon County Public Health

1830 Lakeside Drive

Franklin, NC 28734

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Vaccination Scheduling 828-524-1500

Testing Scheduling 828-349-2517

Thank you for your continued support!