



Press Release

Macon County Public Health Moves into Group 4 Vaccination Appointments

Under the direction of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Macon County Public Health and other vaccine providers have begun to vaccinate individuals who qualify to receive the vaccine who are at high risk for exposure and increased risk of severe illness. Macon County Public Health has worked through a majority of the existing waitlist, including those who previously qualified for their vaccine. Appointments are available to all who qualify and want the vaccine.

NC DHHS is those who are at high risk for exposure and increased risk of severe illness as:

- Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID-19 such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation
- Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function
- Essential workers not yet vaccinated. The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, public safety (e.g., engineers) and public health workers

You can learn more about who may qualify at: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/find-your-spot-take-your-shot>.

Individuals in Group 4 that want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, must call Macon County's Vaccine Call Center at 828-524-1500 to register and schedule an appointment. The Macon County Vaccine Call Center is open Monday – Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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