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Department Sets up Second Point of Distribution for COVID-19 Vaccinations *Vaccination Site Appointments are Invitation Only as Phase 1A Process Continues*

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department announced today that it has added an additional COVID-19 Vaccine Point of Distribution (POD) for health care organizations and facilities that are in the Phase 1A category. In addition to the Health Department's clinic in downtown Pittsburgh, the department is also standing up vaccination operations at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Monroeville Convention Center.

Pursuant to the vaccine allocation recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), appointed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance, both PODs are invitation only for the personnel of those organizations which fall into the [Phase 1A category](#) for vaccinations.

Over 700 organizations or facilities have requested vaccination through the county's COVID Vaccination Request form for personnel who provide direct or indirect care to patients. Eligible organizations or facilities must also be physically located within Allegheny County. It does not matter if the employees of that organization or facility do not live in the county.

The Health Department continues to reach out to potentially eligible organizations but has also asked organizations and facilities which have employees that fall into the Phase 1A category to submit information to the department. A single point of contact for each facility is asked to complete the COVID Vaccination form through the county's [Online Support Center](#). The process requires the creation of an account, and then the user may select the options for Request Service, Health Department and, finally, [COVID Vaccination Request](#), to submit the information for their respective organization.

Solo practitioners may also complete the COVID Vaccination Request form through the county's [Online Support Center](#).

This information is being used to inform the further develop plans for the allocation and distribution of the vaccine. As doses of the vaccine become available, organizations will be notified of the availability and provided information about how employees may register for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Individuals in Phase 1A may be vaccinated by the Health Department or by a partnering health service provider, such as a pharmacy, Federally Qualified Health Center or community clinic.

Organizations that do not fit into the Phase 1A eligibility guidelines will be asked to submit a form at a later time as vaccine distribution moves to individuals included in Phase 1B including critical and essential workers, first responders, and individuals with high-risk conditions.

The vaccination of residents and staff in long-term care facilities is being handled by the CDC-run Federal Pharmacy Partnership. Long-term care facilities that are not enrolled in the CDC-program will be partnered with a vaccination provider by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. More information about that process is available [here](#).

The first version of the county's vaccination plan is expected to be released in the coming week. Its status and any update on the process will be part of the weekly COVID-19 briefing presented each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Health Department Director Dr. Debra Bogen. It is streamed live on the county's Facebook and YouTube accounts.

For more information regarding the vaccine distribution planning process, please visit the department's Vaccine Information [page](#).

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