

# HRDC Gallatin County COVID-19 Vaccine Information March 8, 2021

## What phase is Gallatin County currently in?

As of March 8, 2021, Gallatin County is heading into Phase 1B+ of COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Who is eligible to receive the vaccine under Phase 1B?

Vaccines in Phase 1B+ will be available for Gallatin County residents over the age of 60, anyone age 16-69 with specific underlying medical conditions, as well as American Indians and people of color who have elevated risk for COVID-19 complications. Anyone from Phase 1A or 1B are still eligible to receive the vaccine.

## High-risk medical conditions for those aged 16-69 in Phase 1B+ include:

Cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, down syndrome, heart conditions, immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant, severe obesity, type I and type 2 diabetes, sickle cell disease, moderate or severe asthma, cerebrovascular disease, cystic fibrosis, liver disease, pulmonary fibrosis, thalassemia, neurologic conditions, immunocompromised state from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, or use of immune weakening medicines, others recommended by medical provider.

## What if I don't have a primary healthcare provider?

Please call our HRDC office in Bozeman at 406.587.4486 and we will assist you.

## What if I don't have access to the internet to sign-up for notifications?

That's okay! We are happy to assist you. Please call our HRDC office in Bozeman at 406.587.4486.

## I am age 60 or older. How do I get the vaccine?

Eligible residents in Gallatin County can schedule vaccine appointments online at https://www.healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines/. Appointment opening are dependent on vaccine supply.

Individuals can sign-up for vaccine notifications through the Gallatin City-County Health Department by visiting www.healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-alert-system/

We are also encouraging those eligible for Phase 1B+ to call our HRDC office in Bozeman at 406.587.4486. We are partnering with the local health department to ensure that eligible customers are included in vaccine distributions.

## I have an underlying health condition that makes me eligible for Phase 1B+. How do I get the vaccine?

Your primary healthcare provider should reach out to you when the vaccine is available to you. But it's still a good idea to sign-up for notifications!

What if I don't have a cell phone or email to receive vaccine notifications?

Please call our HRDC office in Bozeman at 406.587.4486 and we will assist you. You can also stop by our office at 32 S Tracy Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Masks are required.

#### Is the vaccine safe?

The Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). All are effective and considered safe for most people. If you have specific concerns, please call your primary healthcare provider. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. Safety is a top priority while federal partners work to make this and other COVID-19 vaccines available."

# How much does the vaccine cost? What if I don't have health insurance?

For most people, the vaccine will be free. If you are receiving a vaccine through your local health department it has been purchased and paid for with U.S. taxpayer dollars and will be free.

If you are receiving the vaccine through a private vaccine provider, there may be an administrative fee. Many health insurance companies are covering the cost of the vaccine. Contact your health insurance company for details.

For uninsured patients, the CDC states that "no one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee."

### I'm still a little worried about getting the vaccine. Where can I find more information?

The CDC and the Gallatin City-County Health Department are valuable places to get more information.

Information about the vaccine is available through the Gallatin City-County Health Department at https://www.healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines/

You can find more facts about COVID-19 and the vaccine from the CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

The Biotechnology Innovation Organization has also created this site dedicated to providing facts about the COVID-19 vaccine, www.covidvaccinefacts.org/

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# CURRENT PHASE:

# Phase 1A

## medical providers Highest-risk

and individuals

- Frontline healthcare workers
- Long-term care facility staff &
- Healthcare residents
- direct patient workers with contact
- First responders

# Highest-risk individuals

- People age 70+
- American Indians and other people of color who complications may be at elevated risk for COVID-19
- People age 16-69 with certain underlying medical conditions:
- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Down Syndrome

Heart conditions

- Immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant
- Severe obesity
- Type 1 & Type 2 Diabetes
- Sickle Cell disease
- Others recommended by medical provide

# Phase 1B+

- People aged 60+
- People age 16-59 with an elevated risk for COVID-19 complications, including:
- Asthma (moderate or severe)
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Liver disease
- Thalassemia Pulmonary fibrosis
- Neurologic conditions, such as
- Immunocompromised state weakening medicines deficiencies, or use of immune from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune
- Others recommended by medical provider

# Phase 10

# Essential workers, etc.

- Frontline essential employees) and grocery store workers (ex: teachers
- Individuals living in congregate care

## Phase 2

The general

public Anyone age 16+

