

# NEWS

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## People 55 and older with medical conditions to become eligible for COVID-19 vaccine on Monday, March 15

**CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH** — Starting Monday, March 15, 2021, residents 55 years and older with a qualifying medical condition ([Subgroup 3.1](#)) will be eligible to get their COVID-19 vaccine. The move to further expand vaccine eligibility comes after an announcement this week by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), which outlined plans and associated timelines for Group 3. Group 3 focuses on specific age groups, giving a one-week-long priority to persons in a specified age group *with a [qualifying medical condition](#)*. The following week opens vaccine to individuals in the specified age group, with no qualifying medical condition required.

### [Per Idaho Group 3:](#)

- Age 55-64 with at least one medical condition: *To open on Monday, March 15, 2021*
- Age 55-64 general population: *Open by Monday, March 22, 2021*
- Age 45-54 with at least one medical condition: *Open by Monday, March 29, 2021*
- Age 45-54 general population: *Open by April 5, 2021*

Different health districts within Idaho may choose to move through the various Group 3 Subgroups at different rates. “Within Central District Health’s jurisdiction, we will continue to work closely with enrolled vaccine providers to assess supply and demand and will make decisions accordingly. We do not want to be a barrier between those who are eligible and interested in gaining protection from the vaccine, so we will pace ourselves according to what we hear from our healthcare partners,” said Russ Duke, District Director for CDH.

### **Making an appointment: Online list or help by phone**

An updated list of enrolled vaccine providers can be found on the CDH website at <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine.php>. The list is updated regularly as additional providers begin receiving vaccine allocations or other changes occur.

Many providers are still utilizing their own vaccine appointment scheduling tools, while others have shifted to using the state’s [pre-registry vaccine tool](#) where eligible individuals enter their

name and contact information. From the pre-registry tool, providers pull names and directly connect with the person eligible for vaccine.

If you need help by phone with navigating the vaccine provider list or do not have internet access, CDH's Call Center can share information of providers who offer a phone scheduling option. Call 208-321-2222 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

### **Vaccine allocations**

Weekly vaccine allocations to CDH's jurisdiction continue to hold steady. Next week will mark the fourteenth week of vaccines arriving in Idaho with an anticipated 7,020 Pfizer doses and 4,200 Moderna doses that will go to enrolled vaccine providers in CDH's jurisdiction. To-date, 104,410 total vaccine doses have been allocated to CDH's jurisdiction. "We are now in a place where we are able to begin expanding our list of vaccine providers. These providers have been qualified, eager, and waiting patiently. This will allow more options for our communities and improved access to the COVID-19 vaccine," added Duke.

### **More Information**

- Call Center: 208-321-2222 – Open M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Vaccine webpage: [cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine](https://cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine)
- Information for Businesses Vaccine webpage: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine-businesses.php>
- Sign up for vaccine updates: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8DO2cZ9/vaccine>
- Mobile vaccine provider list: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/Mobile-Provider-List.pdf>
- Enrolled vaccine provider list: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/enrolled-COVID19-vaccine-providers.pdf>

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