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Second Shots and More Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines

February 9, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) – Wellesley Health officials continue discussions with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, asking that more COVID-19 doses be allocated to our community so Wellesley can stand up a local vaccine clinic. If a community clinic date is scheduled, details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Some Health Department updates for this week.

First responders are receiving second shots. Health Department staff will stay in touch with these individuals in the next few days to learn if they experience any reactions. The second shot is reported to cause mild flu-like symptoms that generally go away with rest and extra fluids.



“A slight fever, chills, or headaches are signs that the immune system is kicking into gear. This is a good thing and shows the vaccine is working the way it should,” said Ann Marie McCauley, Health Department nurse supervisor.

IF these symptoms don’t go away in a few days, or if they get worse, contact your doctor or the Health Department.

More resources are available to search for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. In addition to the State website and the Massachusetts immunization website, two independent websites created by local software engineers are available for seniors 75+ to search for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. If you need help scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments, Council on Aging volunteers are providing assistance. **Call 781-235-3961.**

- [Mass.gov COVID-19 Vaccine website](#)
- [Massachusetts Immunization website](#)
- 2-1-1 call center for vaccine help, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Independent sites [Vaccinate MA](#) and [MA COVID Vaccine Appointments](#)
- Participating CVS, Stop & Shop, Walgreens, Wegmans retail pharmacies
 - NOTE: Appointments at CVS in Sudbury and Watertown are expected to start February 11.
- Mass General Brigham/Newton Wellesley Hospital clinic – patients are contacted directly

When scheduling vaccine appointments, please check locations for any geographic restrictions (e.g. the location is ONLY for residents of a specific city or town).

In case of bad weather, some sites give the option to reschedule or cancel the appointment and book another one. Please check vaccine confirmation emails for information.

Social workers are holding a conversation for parents of teens and young adults. On Friday, February 12 from 1-2 p.m. join an informal, virtual chat with community social workers on current issues facing teens and young adults. Parents and guardians can share information and ask questions. Email Joyce Saret directly at jsaret@wellesley.ma.gov to participate.

Families should continue to follow COVID-19 precautions during February break. With the upcoming three-day weekend and next week's public school February break, the Health Department is reminding everyone about [current travel restrictions](#), [gathering guidelines](#), and general COVID-19 precautions of wearing a mask, keeping distance, and washing your hands.

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