# POLK COUNTY, TEXAS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES COVID-19 VACCINATION HUB AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

The week of January 11, Texas will direct most of its COVID 19 vaccines to LARGE SITES or HUBS around the state. The goal is to provide a simpler way to sign up for an appointment and vaccinate more than 100,000 people.

All Phase 1A and 1B individuals are eligible to receive a vaccine at these hubs, regardless of where they reside. DO NOT just show up at a HUB – find out first if walk-ups are accepted.

- Phase 1A: Front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities
- Phase 1B: People over 65 or with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19

#### How to sign-up for a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas

- 1. Sign up with a vaccination HUB: https://bit.ly/3qjZOMP
- 2. Use the Texas COVID-19 vaccine provider map to sign up with a Community Provider: https://bit.ly/3oDhjHu

Please be patient as supply is limited. HUBS may have long waiting lists but more vaccine is coming.

### **More Information**

Texas COVID-19 vaccine information: <u>dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx</u>

Texas COVID-19 vaccine allocation information:

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page (<a href="www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement">www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement</a>) or on our website at <a href="www.PolkCountyOEM.com">www.PolkCountyOEM.com</a>.

# How to Sign Up for a COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas

### 1. Sign up with a vaccination hub

- Starting the week of Jan. 11, Texas will have large vaccination hubs across the state.
- Look on the DSHS website to find a hub near you. Sign up through the hub's registration website or by calling if a website isn't available.
- · Follow the hub's vaccination instructions.

### 2. Sign up with a community vaccine provider

- Local vaccine providers, like pharmacies, may have vaccine available.
- Use the Texas COVID-19 vaccine provider map to find a provider near you with vaccine available.
- Check the provider's website for how to best sign up for a vaccine. Call if the provider's website doesn't answer your question.

## Who can get a vaccine:

Front-line healthcare workers

People 65 and older

People 16+ with a health condition that increases risk of severe COVID-19 illness

### Reminders:

DON'T JUST SHOW UP



Do not show up at a vaccine provider without first signing up or checking the provider's instructions for vaccination.

**BE PATIENT, SUPPLY IS LIMITED** 



Vaccine supply is limited, there isn't enough for everyone right now. Texas gets more vaccines each week.

VISIT DSHS WEBSITE



Find vaccination hubs and the Texas COVID-19 vaccine provider map at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.





For updates and more information, visit dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus