

News Release

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In Greene: More Vaccine Available than Patients in Queue

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WAYNESBURG – For the first time ever, there is more COVID-19 vaccine available than patients in the queue for receiving the vaccine in Greene County. Since the first week of January, a coalition of medical authorities, county officials and other agencies have been meeting weekly in order to plan, organize and effectively administer the COVID-19 vaccine. During the meeting Monday, the balance between those requesting COVID-19 vaccinations and the amount of vaccine available was reversed from all previous meetings.

Planning, coordination and communication through the coalition meetings previously validated a significant capacity in Greene County to administer COVID-19 vaccines, the issue was the small amount of vaccine available through the state and federal distribution programs. Now, the vaccine is more readily available and yesterday Governor Wolf and Acting Secretary Beam announced, “that effective, Tuesday, April 13, all Pennsylvania adults will be eligible to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.”

The announcement included that the Department of Health has seen ongoing appointment availability in many parts of the state even as Phase 1A and 1B continue and 1C begins today. This updated timeline will signal the start of Phase 2, and allow all interested adults to fill appointments at providers immediately as of April 13. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is not yet approved for children under the age of 16 and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines are not yet approved for children under the age of 18.

Individuals that do not currently have an appointment can contact the below vaccine providers for immediate scheduling.

Washington Health System: Residents of Washington or Greene counties, or established patients of a WHS outpatient practice, can register for a vaccination at <https://whs.org/vaccine-form>.

Cornerstone Care: Register at https://cornerstonecare.com/covid-19_vaccine/.

Centerville Clinics: Patients can register at <https://centervilleclinics.com/covid-19-vaccine/>

CVS Pharmacy: Visit <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Giant Eagle Pharmacy: Visit <https://www.gianteagle.com/covidvaccine/>.

McCracken Pharmacy: Visit <https://mccrackenpharmacy.com/>.

Rite Aid Pharmacy: Visit <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/apt-scheduler/>.

WVU Medical: Visit <https://wvumedicine.org/info/vaccine/>.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. continues to offer free rides to all seniors, 60 years of age and older, needing transportation to and from their scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointment. For those who are interested in scheduling transportation to and from a vaccination site, call Greene County Transportation at (724) 627-6778 and have your COVID-19 vaccination appointment information available to help coordinate your ride. The Area Agency on Aging will also make vaccine appointments for individuals that do not have access to the internet.

Additional information can be obtained on the Greene County Commissioner's Facebook page, by calling (724) 852-5210 or individual healthcare providers.