

## Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine – New information rev 1/21 11 am

This info was accurate at publication but is changing quickly. New options will be added as more vaccine reaches our area. All people are being asked for patience as vaccine arrives in our area. Everyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get an appointment, but not all in the first weeks. Right now, seniors age 75 and up can make appointments. Seniors age 65 and up will be eligible in the next few weeks. Please note: appointments are needed. No walk-ins.

There are different ways to make an appointment. Each method has pros and cons.

1. Make an appointment with the **VAMS** system. This method lets you register online and choose from a variety of appointments. Start at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older> and click on VAMS.
2. Register online directly with **Pomperaug District Department of Health (PDDH)**. Use this link: <https://www.pddh.org/programs/covid-19-vaccination.php>
3. Go to <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older> and click on **Hartford Health, UConn or Yale** options. You can bypass the VAMS system this way, but will have to travel to their larger clinics.
4. If you don't have a computer, and want to use PDDH, call (203) 264-9616, extension 7. Expect delays and to make multiple calls before getting through.
5. IF you don't have a computer and want to use the VAMS system, call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at **877-918-2224 Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
6. Some **Walgreens** are now taking appointments. The Litchfield, Thomaston and Watertown stores are among the locations, and new stores are being added quickly. Start here: <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/covid19vac/CT.jsp>
7. Other pharmacies are also being added; **Woodbury Drug** will be taking appointments once the State of CT releases vaccine to the store. You may contact the store at **(203) 263-2282**

8. **Griffin Hospital** is taking appointments over the phone. Call them at **(203) 433-3394** between 9 am and 4 pm.
9. **Post College and Waterbury Hospital** are doing a drive through clinic beginning Monday, 1/25. You must preregister here:  
<https://www.waterburyhospital.org/vaccine/>

Very soon, the state plans to release vaccine at the community level; then, many local pharmacies will be distributing vaccine. We have tips to help you with each of these registration methods; stop by and look in the outside cabinet for information or call the Center at (203) 263-2828.