

WPCMED COVID Vaccine Update 1.19.21

I hope that you and your family are doing well. We want to keep you informed as we receive information regarding the COVID vaccination process. This information is the most recent from the hospital:

- Newton Wellesley Hospital expects to offer vaccines to the first group of highest risk patients (patients 75 years of age + and patients with 2+ comorbidities) starting in February.
- Members of the public without medical conditions will likely be able to get the vaccine after April.
- Newton Wellesley Hospital will offer the vaccinations to all eligible patients in centralized locations that are easily accessible.
- The vaccine may also be available from local pharmacies, local public health clinics, or state vaccination sites. We will regularly update our patients about all of their vaccination options through Patient Gateway.
- We will send a message through Patient Gateway when we have details about the process of scheduling an appointment.
- Per [MassLive.com](https://www.masslive.com) update dated 1.19.21, Gov. Charlie Baker announced the state will be expanding its COVID vaccine rollout to include more of the shots at CVS Health and Walgreens pharmacies across the state.
- Newton Wellesley Hospital has informed us that the likely process for patients to schedule their vaccine will be via Patient Gateway.

We know that people are excited and anxious to get vaccinated; currently, the vaccine is not going to be available for the majority of our patients or the general public and we will continue to update you as the vaccine becomes available in your age and health risk category. Newton Wellesley Hospital is following the Massachusetts state guidelines and will offer vaccines to all our patients when they are eligible. Please click on the links below to learn more about vaccine updates, many of the sites provide real-time information:

- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Massachusetts General Emergency Preparedness](#)
- [The New England Journal of Medicine COVID Updates](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID FAQ's](#)
- [FDA COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Updates](#)
- [CVS pharmacy](#)
- [Walgreens pharmacy](#)

Patients are encouraged to check the sites [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov), [MassLive.com](https://www.masslive.com) and the [Walgreens](#) site along with [Wegmans](#), [Big Y](#), [Price Chopper](#), [Stop & Shop](#) and [Hannaford](#). Gov. Baker also confirmed that Fenway Park will become the state's second mass vaccination site after announcing Gillette Stadium last week.

As always, we will update you via email and Patient Gateway as further vaccine information becomes available.

Stay safe and well,