

Hamilton County Health Department Expands Vaccine Eligibility to Adults Age 55 and Older — Effective Immediately

In an effort to avoid destroying unused COVID-19 vaccines, the Hamilton County Health Department announced it will expand age eligibility to individuals age 55 and older.

Prior to this announcement, the age-based eligibility was limited to individuals age 65 years and older. Any person attempting to receive the COVID-19 vaccine based on age must be a Hamilton County resident. The Health Department requires proof of a Hamilton County address through the documentation listed below. There are no specific medical conditions required for age-based eligibility.

Proof of Hamilton County Address:

- Driver's License
- State-issued ID Card
- Official Mail
- Electric/Utility Bill
- Consulate Card

This expansion takes effect immediately. This means that any Hamilton County resident age 55 or older may begin scheduling first dose COVID-19 vaccine appointments online or via their telephone hotline at (423) 209-5398. Any caller receiving a busy signal is encouraged to hang up and call the hotline again as call volume is expected to be heavy.

For assistance with scheduling online appointments, please review the [Hamilton County Health Department's YouTube tutorial](#).

The expansion of age-based eligibility has no effect on risk-based eligibility. The Health Department is still offering COVID-19 vaccines to Phases 1a1, 1a2, 1b, and 1c. For a complete list of criteria for current phases, please review the [current phases/eligibility](#) online.

Please consider subscribing to the [Hamilton County Health Department's newsletter](#) for the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccines.

If you have questions, please contact [Isiah](#) or another member of the [Estate Planning](#) team.

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