

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

The state of Massachusetts announced an updated timeline for vaccine eligibility:

- As of April 19- Anyone over the age of 16 will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- All patients who are 16 years old and older will be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Patients who are 18 years old and older will be eligible for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The full timeline is available at www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases. Please visit this website for more updates, including on how to pre-register and schedule your vaccine.

We as a practice strongly encourage our patients to be vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. It is not yet known whether Pediatrics at Newton Wellesley will receive vaccines. We will notify you immediately once we have more information.

Information on scheduling your vaccine:

- First, we encourage you to pre-register to book an appointment at a Massachusetts vaccination site at www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccine. Appointments will be offered based on eligibility and available appointments nearby. It is expected that more sites will be available online as part of the pre-registration process in April.
- Once you are eligible, you can also actively search for appointments on the www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccine website, by calling 2-1-1, and by going to <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/> to look for appointments at local pharmacies, healthcare providers or grocery stores where the COVID-19 vaccine may be offered.
- Our PPOC colleagues at Pediatric Health Care Associates in Peabody are offering appointments for COVID-19 vaccination to eligible patients of PPOC practices. Vaccine clinics are held throughout the week at their Peabody location, 10 Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA. Appointments can be requested by calling their direct COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling line at 978-818-6792. Please identify yourself as being part of the PPOC network when leaving a message or speaking to staff to avoid creation of duplicate patient records.
- Please note that individuals who are not yet 18 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Additionally, when scheduling your appointment, be aware that the CDC recommends you do not receive any other vaccines 14 days before or after you receive the COVID-19 vaccine series.