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## Adults 75 or older may now receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

In compliance with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) guidelines, we are now in phase 1B of the state's vaccine distribution plan. The first group in this phase includes **all** people age 75 and older.

We are following all federal, state and local guidelines for the safe, fair, and orderly distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. We are partnering with the state to help make sure that all Duke Health patients have fair access to the vaccine and that our vaccine planning and distribution includes everyone.

There are many people in this group, and the vaccine supply is limited. We are committed to fairly distributing vaccines to our patients, and all members of our community.

If you have a MyChart account, we will contact you via MyChart soon with instructions for how to schedule your appointment through MyChart. We encourage you to register for a [MyChart account](#) if you have not already, for convenient communication with the Duke Health team.

If you do not have a MyChart account or prefer to schedule over the phone, you may call the Duke COVID-19 Hotline at 919-385-0429 to make an appointment. The hotline is open every day from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. **Please note that we are currently experiencing high call volume and long wait times on hold.**

We are working hard to schedule appointments for those in this group who want the vaccine. It will take some time. Please be patient and understanding as we work to schedule your vaccine as soon as possible.

To learn more about the vaccine or our vaccination clinics, please visit [dukehealth.org](http://dukehealth.org). More information about the state's distribution plans is available on [yourspotyourshot.nc.gov](http://yourspotyourshot.nc.gov). Speak with your care team about your health status so you can make the choice that is right for you.

We also encourage you to [join us](#) Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 4:30 pm – 5 pm for our monthly "Ask the Expert" series. You will hear the latest information about vaccine developments from Duke Health experts.

While safe, tested vaccines give us hope for eventually ending the spread of COVID-19, we urge you to continue practicing healthy behaviors to prevent the spread of infection. These include wearing a mask, washing your hands, and waiting six feet from others.

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On behalf of all of Duke Health, we want to thank you for your help in limiting the spread of the virus. Together, we can keep you, your loved ones, and our community safe and healthy.