



Lake View COVID-19 Vaccine Update
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I would like to share a few important updates on the COVID-19 vaccination efforts underway for Lake County. Please share this information with others so that we can keep increasing our vaccination rates to help put this pandemic behind us.

Expanded Eligibility: Lake View Hospital and Lake County Public Health will be receiving more vaccine supply next week to support vaccination of people with various underlying medical conditions under Phase 1b, Tier 2 and Tier 3, as defined by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Tier 2 includes people with:

- Sickle cell disease
- Down Syndrome
- Oxygen-dependent chronic lung or heart conditions
- Active cancer treatment
- Immunocompromised from organ transplant
- Rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of infection due to COVID-19

Tier 3 includes people 45 and older with ONE or more underlying medical conditions; and people age 16 and older with TWO or more underlying medical conditions. The underlying medical conditions are:

- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Diabetes – Type 1 or 2
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from HIV, bone marrow disease, chronic steroids for more than 30 days, immunodeficiency disease, or taking immunosuppressive medications
- Obesity – body mass index greater than 30 kg/m²
- Pregnancy

Please call the Lake County COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 218-834-8434 for more details on how to get on the waiting list if you meet the above criteria. The hotline message was updated today, and you can also download the hotline message on the Lake County website at www.co.lake.mn.us. Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors who may be eligible. We want to ensure that we can administer all of the vaccine supply that we advocated for from the state for next week.

Current Vaccination Rates: Lake County currently has 30.1% of the population with at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, and approximately 73% of people age 65 years of age and older have had at least one shot of the vaccine. This does not include the people that Lake County Public Health and Lake View vaccinated this week.

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