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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY ANNOUNCES DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR OLDER ADULTS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 22-25.**



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**FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.**— The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County (DOH-Okaloosa) is partnering with Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services and local fire departments to begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment only to adults ages 65 and older and non-hospital health care workers with direct patient contact.

Friday, January 22 (280 appointments)  
8 a.m. – noon  
DOH-Okaloosa Fort Walton Beach  
221 Hospital Dr. NE  
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Saturday, January 23 (960 appointments)  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Northwest Florida State College  
100 E. College Blvd.  
Niceville, FL

Monday, January 25 (960 appointments)  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center  
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE  
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Registration will open at noon on Wednesday, January 20 both online and for scheduling over the phone. These slots fill up quickly but please be assured, we will have additional vaccination clinics. Please do not call to schedule an appointment before this time. Appointments are unable to be made through email or by walk-in at the health department.

Appointments must be made in advance. To make an appointment visit [myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine](https://myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine) to register online via [Eventbrite](#) or by calling 850-344-0566. Google Chrome is the recommended browser for using Eventbrite. We encourage people to register online. Please note callers may experience delays, dropped calls and busy signals due to high call volume.

Appointments are required for this vaccination clinic and will not be scheduled on site. Do not arrive at the vaccination site without an appointment. Anyone born in January 1956 or earlier and non-hospital health care workers with direct patient contact are eligible for a vaccine appointment. IDs will be verified at the vaccination event and if anyone scheduled does not meet these criteria, their appointment will be canceled.

Appointments are non-transferable. If you need to cancel an appointment, you can call 850-344-0566 or if you registered online you can cancel using Eventbrite. Each person receiving the vaccine must sign up for an individual appointment ticket. Due to high demand, tickets online may be "sold" before your sale is complete. Completed orders display an order number and you will receive a confirmation email. Tickets are also available by phone until sold out.

Once you've secured your appointment time, please arrive on-time. Individuals arriving early can cause delays and longer lines.

Please be careful not to be fooled by a fake Eventbrite account. Always use the link provided by DOH-Okaloosa and Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners. Registration is free. DOH-Okaloosa will not ask for credit card information or your social security number.

We will issue an update once vaccination slots have been filled. As vaccination events and details are finalized, DOH - Okaloosa will release more information on vaccination events.

Individuals receiving the vaccine must complete a vaccine screening and consent form to confirm eligibility. These are available on our [website](#). For those that cannot access the forms in advance, a paper copy will be provided at your appointment time. A valid government-issued ID must be shown at the vaccination site. This can include a passport, driver's license or military identification card. Non-hospital health care workers with direct patient contact are required to show their badge. People will also need to bring their registration confirmation number.

The appointment only vaccination clinic will be drive-thru only, and all individuals will remain in their vehicle for the duration of the clinic. Individuals receiving the vaccine are asked to wear short-sleeve shirts and remove any jackets/coats when arriving.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises individuals to be monitored for at least 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine. Individuals will be directed to a waiting area to park and should plan accordingly.

The vaccination provided will be the Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. A second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is required 21 days after the first dose. This dose will be scheduled at the first dose appointment. This vaccine was authorized for emergency use by the United States Food and Drug Administration under an [Emergency Use Authorization](#).

According to data released by the Food and Drug Administration, the vaccines made by Moderna and Pfizer- BioNTech are highly protective for adults and prevents severe cases of COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is a monumental step toward getting this disease under control in Florida, but the department is still encouraging residents and visitors to take precautions to protect themselves and others from the spread of the virus. These include

frequent hand washing, wearing face masks, maintaining six feet of social distancing, and staying home if you are feeling sick.

Updates will be added to DOH-Okaloosa website, [www.HealthyOkaloosa.com](http://www.HealthyOkaloosa.com). Information about the statewide vaccination distribution plan can be found on the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#).

### **More information on COVID-19**

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

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