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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY ANNOUNCES VACCINATION CLINIC FOR MARCH 9



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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 offer COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment only. A vaccination clinic has been added for March 9 due to the expansion of eligible groups by Executive Order 21-47.

Tuesday, March 9 (505 appointments)  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Crestview Community Center  
1446 Commerce Dr.  
Crestview, FL

DOH-Okaloosa is following Executive Order 21-47 and can only vaccinate **persons 65 years and older, health care workers with direct patient contact, long-term care residents and staff, K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older, sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older, and firefighters 50 years of age and older.**

Health care workers with direct patient contact, K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older, sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older, and firefighters 50 years of age and older will need to show their work badge, W2 or a pay stub. IDs will be verified at the appointment.

Registration will open at 5 p.m. today for this event online. Appointments are available over the phone and online through Eventbrite. To make an appointment call 850-344-0566 or visit [myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine](https://myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19/vaccine) to register with Eventbrite.

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. Medical experts and doctors have developed a safe and effective vaccine. This vaccine has been authorized by the Food and Drug Administration based on clinical testing.

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](#).

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