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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY ENCOURAGES ELIGIBILITY GROUP EXPANSION 40 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO BOOK NOW FOR APPOINTMENTS MARCH 29 AND MARCH 31

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FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.— In accordance with Executive Order 21-79 issued on March 26, DOH-Okaloosa and our partners will be available to vaccinate persons 40 years of age and older effective March 29. DOH-Okaloosa still has appointments available for March 29 and March 31. **All persons eligible under the current Executive Order 21-79 (born March 1981 or before) can make an appointment now at <https://OkaloosaCOVID19Vax.eventbrite.com> via [Eventbrite](#) or by calling 850-344-0566.**

Effective April 5, all Floridians will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as prescribed by the FDA. Currently there are three approved vaccines for COVID-19. This includes a vaccine approved for persons 16 years of age and older (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 18 years of age and older (Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). DOH-Okaloosa uses the Pfizer vaccine and will be able to vaccinate persons 16 years of age or older starting April 5. **All persons eligible as of April 5 (birthdate of March 2005 or before), can register for the vaccine for the week of April 5-9 starting March 30 at noon. However, any individual who is not 18 years of age or older by the day of their vaccination appointment must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the vaccination clinic. Unaccompanied minors can not be vaccinated and will be turned away from the vaccination clinic.**

Updates will be added to DOH-Okaloosa website, 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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