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North Georgia COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Switches to DPH Online Portal

NORTH GA – Effective Monday, March 22, the North Georgia Health District will transfer registration for COVID-19 vaccination appointments to the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) online portal. Individuals seeking an appointment at public health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens or Whitfield counties must register at <https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/>.

Public health COVID-19 vaccine appointment registration is also available through the DPH Health Department Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line at (888) 457-0186, Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 8 PM, and Saturday, 8 AM – 5 PM.

Additionally, residents may find both public and private COVID-19 vaccination sites by going to DPH's Georgia Vaccine Locator at <https://dph.georgia.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site> or may make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment at the Georgia Mass Vaccination Site Registration link at <https://myvaccinegeorgia.com/>.

Over 100,000 COVID-19 vaccinations have been provided by public health in the North Georgia Health District and the county health departments are accepting new appointments as vaccine supplies are increasingly available. People who are currently eligible in Georgia for COVID-19 vaccine are urged to arrange a vaccination appointment right away.

Those who are eligible include:

- Healthcare workers (physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, EMS personnel, environmental services, etc.)
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Adults aged 65+ and their caregivers*
- Law enforcement, firefighters, first responders
- Educators and staff (Pre-K, K-12, DECAL licensed or exempt childcare programs)
- Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers*
 - Intellectual Disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 22
 - A developmental disability is a physical or mental impairment that happens before the age of 22, is expected to last a lifetime, and impacts at least three activities of daily living. Activities of

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daily living include self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; and economic self-sufficiency

- Parents of children with complex medical conditions who are at high risk for COVID-19 complications
 - Malignancies requiring active treatment
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including organ transplant (bone marrow or solid organ) within 2 years
 - Critical congenital heart disease
 - Asthma (moderate to severe)
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Diabetes
 - Obesity (BMI >95%)
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Significant neurologic injury or condition (e.g., hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy, traumatic brain injury, congenital anomaly, acute flaccid myelitis) with functional/developmental impairment (e.g., cerebral palsy, developmental disability, prematurity, mitochondrial disease)
 - Technology dependence (e.g., BiPAP, trach)
- Adults aged 55 and older
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals aged 16 years and older with certain medical conditions that increase their risk of severe illness from COVID-19. ****Note: Pfizer is the only COVID vaccine currently approved for children aged 16 and older****
Conditions include:
 - Asthma
 - Cancer
 - Cerebrovascular Disease
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - COPD
 - Cystic Fibrosis
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - Heart Conditions
 - Immunocompromised State
 - Liver Disease
 - Neurologic Conditions
 - Overweight and Obesity
 - Pregnancy
 - Pulmonary Fibrosis
 - Sickle Cell Disease
 - Thalassemia

*Caregivers provide care to people who need assistance for everyday tasks.

Care recipients can live in residential or institutional settings, range from children to older adults, and have chronic illnesses or disabling conditions.

****Pfizer vaccine is only available at our Cherokee and Whitfield County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics****

Anyone with questions about COVID-19 vaccine may go to the North Georgia Health District website at [Questions About COVID-19 Vaccine?](#) or may call the GA COVID-19 Hotline at (888) 357-0169.

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About Us: The North Georgia Health District is part of the Georgia Department of Public Health. One of 18 health districts in the state, the North Georgia Health District (District 1-2) is comprised of six counties: Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens and Whitfield. Many public health programs and services exist throughout the district, all of which are designed to meet the needs of the people of North Georgia. Learn more about us at www.nghd.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



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