



Keller Army Community Hospital Wednesday, March 3, 2021 COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The West Point COVID Vaccine Task Force is scheduling COVID vaccination appointments for TRICARE beneficiaries and West Point employees in **Phases 1a–1c** starting Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Phases 1a–1c are outlined in the population schema picture below and include:

- All TRICARE beneficiaries 65 and older.
- All TRICARE beneficiaries identified as high risk between the ages of 16–64.
- West Point employees 16 years and older identified as high risk by their healthcare provider. Employees must present documentation from their healthcare provider at the vaccine site.
- West Point employees identified as mission essential.

ALL West Point employees – identified above – can sign up with their “Unit Vaccine Coordinator” or call for an appointment.

The COVID Vaccine appointment line, **for Phases 1a–1c**, will be accepting calls – **to schedule for a COVID vaccine** – on **Saturday and Sunday, March 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th only**, between 0900-1530. The COVID vaccine appointment number is (845) 938-7992.

If you are in Phases 1a–1c and are unable to schedule your appointment during one of the weekends (mentioned above), call the COVID Vaccine Appointment Line at (845) 938-9647. **This COVID Vaccine Appointment Line will be activated on Monday, March 15, 2021**, and will be available Monday–Friday, between 0800–1500.

For up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccine, go to <https://keller.tricare.mil/Health-Services/West-Point-Dept-of-Public-Health/COVID-19-Vaccine-INFO>.

Information on the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program – the Federal government’s strategy to expand access to vaccines for the American public – is available on the website.

Increased Risk for Severe Illness/High Risk Conditions include: Cancer; Chronic kidney disease; COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease); Down Syndrome; Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant; Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²); Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²); Pregnancy; Sickle cell disease; Type 2 diabetes mellitus.

COVID-19 VACCINATION
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Is It Your Time to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?



Health Care, Emergency, and Safety Personnel, and Other Essential and Critical Groups



- PHASE 1A**
- Sub-tier 1 **Emergency room, urgent care centers, and first responders** (i.e., police, search and rescue, and fire personnel), and Armed Forces Retirement Home residents
 - Sub-tier 2 **Health care and support personnel at military hospitals and clinics**, along with other non-clinical staff authorized to receive vaccine from DoD, who support patient care with a high risk of exposure or potential to interface with COVID-19 positive cases
 - Sub-tier 3 Outpatient health care and support personnel, including National Guard and Reserve personnel as well as active duty service members **deploying or supporting COVID-19 response operations in Title 10 or Title 32 duty status**



- PHASE 1B**
- National critical capabilities** (strategic and nuclear deterrence forces, homeland defense)
 - Personnel preparing to **deploy to locations outside of the continental U.S. (OCONUS)**
 - Personnel preparing to deploy within the next three months**, including military civilian and contractors authorized to receive immunization from the DoD
 - New!** Beneficiaries **age 75 or older**
 - New! Front Line Essential Workers:** Education and youth and child services staff sector, eligible defense manufacturing, DoD corrections staff, DoD postal service staff, DoD public transit workers, Commissary and other installation food service or agricultural workers



- PHASE 1C**
- New!** Eligible beneficiaries age **65-74 years**
 - New!** Eligible beneficiaries age **16-64 with increased risk for severe illness as defined by the CDC**
 - OSD, Agencies, field activities, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, U.S. Coast Guard, and Reserve Component designated as key, essential, or mission-essential
 - DoD Prisoners



Remaining Population



- Healthy uniform personnel, other TRICARE beneficiaries, and those not otherwise mentioned above