

# Vaccine news!

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## **Bethlehem Health Bureau to Add More Vaccine Appointments to Clinic Schedule**

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced that beginning tomorrow, the Bethlehem Health Bureau will add COVID-19 vaccine appointments to their clinic schedule. The number of appointments will be based on vaccine allocation for the week. Appointment slots for the following weeks' clinics will be updated every Friday on the City of Bethlehem's website until further notice. The most efficient way to schedule an appointment is through the City of Bethlehem's website. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Communicable-Diseases/COVID-19> and clicking on the COVID-19 vaccine tab. Due to limited vaccine supply, the Bethlehem Health Bureau is prioritizing appointments for City of Bethlehem residents, Northampton and Lehigh County residents as well as individuals living in a county without a health department.

In an effort to assist seniors without computer and internet access, the Bethlehem Health Bureau will reserve a set amount of vaccine appointments for City of Bethlehem and Northampton County residents who are 65 years of age and older. Seniors without computer or internet access can call the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083 to schedule an appointment. The appointments by phone will be limited so individuals with computer and internet access are encouraged to register online.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau is also implementing other various strategies to improve access to vaccinations among the senior population. The health bureau created a mobile COVID-19 vaccine unit to provide on-site COVID-19 vaccinations to individuals who live in senior living facilities in Bethlehem. In addition, the health bureau is partnering with a community-based agency to provide vaccine to seniors who are homebound and/or have mobility issues.