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## Health Department opens online COVID-19 vaccine registry to all eligible groups

**HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (March 19, 2021)** – The Henderson County Department of Public Health has opened COVID-19 vaccination appointments to all currently eligible groups to schedule online or by phone.

The Health Department has launched the COVID-19 Registry, which allows individuals in all <u>currently eligible</u> groups in North Carolina to be contacted for a vaccine appointment when available by phone or email. Individuals can register at <u>www.hendersoncountync.gov/health</u>.

When their turn comes, registrants will be sent a notification by phone and email with instructions to schedule an appointment online themselves or connect with a Call Center representative for assistance. The registry is available in Spanish and the Call Center is staffed with Spanish speakers.

The Health Department expects to complete its waitlist of Group 1 and 2 individuals within the next few weeks. Once completed, appointments will be scheduled off the registry for all currently eligible groups. Group 3 frontline essential workers and Group 4 adults at high-risk for exposure and increased risk of severe illness are now eligible.

Vaccine supply remains limited, and appointments are still being scheduled on a week-to-week basis. It may be a few weeks before individuals on the registry receive a notification to make an appointment.

The Health Department is still primarily receiving vaccine that requires two doses for full efficacy: Moderna (28 days apart) and Pfizer (21 days apart). Health officials strongly recommend the public take the first vaccine that is offered to them. All three available vaccines have proven to be very effective in preventing hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19.

The Health Department is currently conducting vaccination clinics at East Henderson High School. With Henderson County Public Schools resuming in-person instruction, county officials are looking at other sites to host vaccination clinics. Those details will be announced publicly once finalized and communicated to individuals on the registry when they are scheduled for an appointment.

To determine if you are an essential worker under Group 3 or have a medical condition that qualifies for the first phase of Group 4, please use the Find My Group tool at <a href="https://www.findmygroup.nc.gov">www.findmygroup.nc.gov</a> or call the NC COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center at 888-675-4567.