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Erie County to receive 1,100 COVID-19 vaccine doses for adults 80+ next week

Erie County is set to receive doses of the COVID-19 vaccine next week to begin vaccinating phase 1B. The vaccine will initially be offered to Erie County residents 80 years of age and older. COVID-19 vaccine providers include the Erie County Health Department, Firelands Regional Health System, Kroger Pharmacy, Giant Eagle Pharmacy, and Discount Drug Mart in Sandusky and Huron. Collectively, the county is expected to receive 1,100 doses of the vaccine. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be utilized depending on where a patient receives their vaccine. Registration will also differ based on location of service.

Location	Number of Doses
Erie County Health Department – 420 Superior St, Sandusky	100
Firelands Regional Health System – 1111 Hayes Ave, Sandusky	100
Kroger Pharmacy – 226 E Perkins Ave, Sandusky	200
Giant Eagle Pharmacy – 4453 Liberty Ave, Vermilion	300
Discount Drug Mart – 3700 Milan Rd, Sandusky	200
Discount Drug Mart – 420 Cleveland Rd, Huron	200

Registration:

- **Erie County Health Center and Firelands:** Registration for the COVID-19 vaccine will be completed online at [CovidErieOhio.com](https://www.coviderieohio.com). Upon registration, if you are eligible to receive the vaccine, one of our staff members will contact you as soon as possible to schedule your appointment and inform you of the required documentation needed for your appointment. **Appointments will be based on availability of the vaccine and priority group status.** The Erie County Health Department has also set up a COVID-19 vaccine registration line, which can be reached at 567-867-8222. This automated phone system is only to be utilized by individuals who do not have access to or do not have assistance completing the online COVID-19 vaccine registration.
- **Kroger Pharmacy:** All COVID-19 vaccines will require an appointment via [Kroger.com/OhioCovidVaccine](https://www.kroger.com/OhioCovidVaccine) or the COVID-19 vaccine help line at 866-211-5320, which will be available starting Saturday, January 16th.
- **Giant Eagle Pharmacy:** For vaccine information visit [GiantEagle.com/CovidVaccine](https://www.gianteagle.com/CovidVaccine)
- **Discount Drug Mart:**
 - Sandusky: Call (419) 625-0733 to schedule an appointment
 - Huron: Call (419) 433-4565 to schedule an appointment

Age eligibility for vaccination will be expanded upon completion of the 80+ population. As there continues to be a limited number of vaccines available, the timeframe for expanding age eligibility is dependent on how many doses are allocated to our county. As supply increases, COVID-19 vaccines will be made available to all Erie County residents who choose to be vaccinated. We will continue to administer the vaccines as quickly as they are provided to us.

Using all the tools available to help prevent the spread of the virus continues to be critical until a substantial number of Erie County residents can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear masks and practice social distancing will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Those who are vaccinated are required to follow all quarantine protocols following an exposure to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. Proper prevention measures coupled with the vaccine will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

Senior citizens with questions on the vaccination process are urged to contact the Area Agencies on Aging at www.aging.ohio.gov or by calling 1-866-243-5678. For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/vaccine). For up-to-date local information, visit the Erie County COVID-19 Dashboard at [CovidErieOhio.com](https://www.coviderieohio.com).

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