Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Info in Massachusetts 02/10/2021

Web reference:

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-phases

Information regarding Phase 2 (February-March 2021)

Currently eligible

Group 1: Individuals age 75+

Not yet eligible

- Group 2: Individuals age 65+, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions (only
 those conditions listed as at increased risk for severe illness), and/or residents and staff
 of low income and affordable senior housing.
- Group 3: Other workers, including:
 - Early education/daycare, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, restaurant and cafe workers;
 - Employees across the food, beverages, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, and foodservice sectors;
 - Meatpackers;
 - Sanitation, public works and public health workers;
 - Vaccine development workers;
 - Food pantry workers and volunteers;
 - Transit/transportation: Uber/Lyft/ride share services/pharmacy delivery drivers, workers in the passenger ground transportation industry (e.g. paratransit for people with disabilities, food delivery, non-urgent medical transport), Massport workers other than police, airline workers;
 - Convenience store workers (under grocery workers);
 - Water and wastewater utility staff
 - Court system workers (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clerks), other than court officers who are listed under first responders

- Medical supply chain workers
 - Workers at manufacturers (including biotechnology companies and those companies that have shifted production to medical supplies), materials and parts suppliers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, printers, packagers, distributors of medical products and equipment (including third party logistics providers, and those who test and repair), personal protective equipment (PPE), isolation barriers, medical gases, pharmaceuticals (including materials used in radioactive drugs), dietary supplements, commercial health products, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies (including dispensers), sanitary goods, personal care products, pest control products, and tissue and paper towel products.
- Funeral directors and funeral workers
- Shipping port and terminal workers
- Group 4: Individuals with one certain medical condition

Details on "certain medical conditions"

Web reference:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html

Adults of any age with the following conditions **are at increased risk** of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- 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
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

COVID-19 is a new disease. Currently there are limited data and information about the impact of many underlying medical conditions on the risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Based on what we know at this time, adults of any age with the following conditions **might be at an increased risk** for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines
- Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
- Liver disease
- Overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m², but < 30 kg/m²)
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus