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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO OPEN VACCINE SCHEDULING LINKS FOR PHASE 1B ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE IN MONROE COUNTY & INDIVIDUALS WITH COMORBIDITIES

The Monroe County Department of Public Health is preparing to open a vaccine scheduling link specifically for Phase 1B essential workers who are eligible in Monroe County. This link will be posted on the County [web site](#) at approximately 4 p.m. this afternoon. Appointments will be made available later in the week at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 103 E. Main St., Rochester, 14604.

The following is a general list of essential employees who will be eligible to sign up using this link. For more detailed descriptions of these categories, please [visit this link](#).

- First Responder or Support Staff for First Responder Agency
- Corrections
- P-12 school (public or non-public)
- In-Person College Faculty and Instructors
- Employees or Support Staff of Licensed, Registered, Approved or Legally Exempt Group Childcare Settings
- Licensed, Registered, approved or legally exempt group Childcare Provider
- Public Transit
- Public Facing Grocery Store Workers, including convenience store and bodega workers
- Individual living in a homeless shelter where sleeping, bathing or eating accommodations must be shared with individuals and families who are not part of your household
- Individual working (paid or unpaid) in a homeless shelter where sleeping, bathing or eating accommodations must be shared by individuals and families who are not part of the same household, in a position where there is potential for interaction with shelter residents.

Please note that the County is receiving the Moderna vaccine, which is approved for individuals 18 years and older.

The essential employee scheduling link announced above is separate from a scheduling link that will be designated for individuals with comorbidities and underlying conditions. That link will

also be posted on the County [web site](#) at approximately 4 p.m. Individuals must self-attest to having a comorbidity or underlying condition that makes them eligible. No doctor's note or other medical information is needed.

Individuals using this link must attest to having one or more of the following comorbidities and underlying conditions:

- Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m²), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- Liver disease

For updated information about MCDPH vaccination efforts, please visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19-vaccine>. For more information about additional vaccination opportunities in the Finger Lakes Region, please visit www.flvaccinehub.com.

