



# Press Release

## Macon County Public Health Announces Web Link for Vaccination Registration

After challenges with the County phone system and delay in the release of a link to the NC DHHS registration portal, Macon County Public Health and Macon County IT have developed an internal web link for individuals to begin the registration process for obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination.

Individuals may access the link on the right side of the page at [maconnc.org](https://maconnc.org) and will be asked to enter their last name, first name and email address. Once this information is submitted, Macon County Public Health will be able to upload the information into the state COVID-19 Vaccination Management System (CVMS). Once the information is received by CVMS, an email will be sent to the address provided allowing the individual to complete the registration process and set-up their password. After the registration process is complete, individuals may call 828-349-2517, Option 2 to schedule their appointment.

Macon County Public Health is pleased to be able to provide this option for the community which will avoid individuals having to place multiple calls to the health department. Unfortunately, at this time there is not an option to register individuals who do not have an email address or access to the internet. Macon County Public Health as are all health departments across the state are persistently awaiting guidance from NC DHHS on how to register these individuals.

Macon County remains in Phase 1B, Group 1 for vaccination at this time. This group includes those who are 75 years of age or older, regardless of health status and will provide updates as we move to the next group or phase.

The entire state of North Carolina is under a "Safer at Home" executive order, currently under phase three with masks required to be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members strictly follow the governor's orders and continue to practice social distancing, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm, closing daily for lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm, until further notice.

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