

MCAGCC February 12 Vaccine update

The Robert E Bush Naval Hospital has moved to Phase 1c and is currently offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to the following personnel based on the priorities established by the Department of Defense:

1. Healthcare personnel and first responders employed on the installation (Phase 1a)
2. Personnel preparing to deploy outside the United States (Phase 1b)
3. TRICARE beneficiaries aged 75 years and older (Phase 1b)
4. Frontline essential workers employed on the installation (Phase 1b)
5. TRICARE beneficiaries aged 65 years and older (Phase 1c)
6. TRICARE beneficiaries aged 18-64 with increased risk for severe illness (Phase 1c)*
7. Mission essential workers employed on the installation (Phase 1c)

All Tricare beneficiaries, DOD civilian employees, and DOD contractors are eligible to receive the vaccine within their assigned phase. Receiving the vaccine is purely voluntary. Eligible personnel who declined the vaccine during their initial phase are encouraged to receive the vaccine during any of the subsequent phases.

All members who are part of Phase 1a- 1c can be vaccinated on a walk-in basis at the West Gym, Bldg. 1518, from 0800-1600, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays); no appointments or scheduling necessary. Anyone with mobility concerns can be vaccinated by appointment at the hospital's Immunization Clinic; please have these individuals call 760-830-2698 to schedule an appointment.

Active duty, civilian, and contract employees will be notified by their chain of command or management if they have been identified as a frontline essential worker or mission essential worker.

TRICARE beneficiaries will receive notification from the Naval Hospital (through the command Facebook and the MHS Genesis Patient Portal) regarding specific dates and times to receive the vaccine.

For COVID-19 vaccine related questions, please contact 760-668-1512 Monday through Friday, 0800-1600.

* The following conditions place a person at increased risk for severe illness with COVID-19: cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, immunocompromised state from organ transplant, obesity (BMI greater than 30), pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, and type 2 diabetes.