

## COVID-19 Vaccine

### Update by RVFD Fire Chief Jay Ducote & VerdeCares Vicki Beseke

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Maricopa County released news that they will soon open up vaccination scheduling at Point of Dispensing (POD) sites for Phase 1B prioritized individuals (i.e., education and childcare providers, law enforcement/protective service workers and adults 75 and older).

**Maricopa officials say things are changing rapidly. For up-to-date information about vaccine availability, scheduling, distribution sites, how to access scheduling systems and other frequently asked questions please visit the Maricopa County website at <https://www.maricopa.gov/5651/Phase-1B>.**

Maricopa County also said that people in both Phase 1A and Phase 1B will be able to register and search for appointments not already filled by prioritized healthcare personnel. In addition, more Point of Dispensing (POD) vaccination sites will be added as appointments and vaccines become available at their locations.

1B qualified residents (75 years and older) may register for the COVID vaccination. All 5 POD's are open to Phase 1B priority populations. Starting January 11<sup>th</sup> anyone in Phase 1B priority will be able to go to <http://www.Maricopa.gov> to make an appointment to access a POD of their choice.

For Phase 1C (Adults 65 and older, adults of any age with high-risk medical conditions) the vaccine is projected for later in February or March and may include vaccinations at pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens and others. Many of these pharmacies and local Health Care agencies still have not been approved by the State to dispense vaccinations.

Please continue to wear a mask or cloth face covering in public, maintain physical distance, wash and sanitize hands frequently, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and stay home when you are sick. Other precautions may be found at [azhealth.gov/COVID-19](http://azhealth.gov/COVID-19).

### For COVID-19 Testing Locations:

- Maricopa County at [COVID-19 Testing | Maricopa County, AZ](#)
- Arizona Department of Health Services at [ADHS - Highlighted Infectious Diseases for Arizona - Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) - COVID-19 Testing Locations \(azdhs.gov\)](#)
- In Fountain Hills: Urgent Care sites.

Thank you