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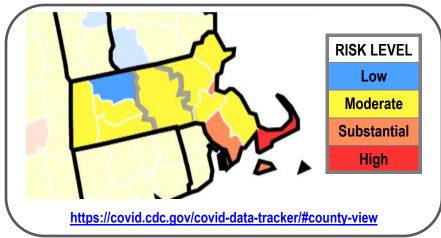
Empowering Independence

CLW DHILS - SPECIAL EDITION (VOLUME 41)

COVID-19 Updates

Massachusetts—Transmission Rate Risk Levels





Why are Cases Going Up again?

- The more infectious COVID-19 "delta variant" is spreading among those <u>not</u> vaccinated.
- Less people are getting vaccinated now.

NEW Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

Keep wearing a mask IF:

- You live in a city/town with a <u>Substantial</u> or <u>High</u> Level of Transmission
- You (or someone you live with) are high risk for serious illness from COVID-19, or not fully vaccinated



Fully vaccinated and exposed to someone with suspected/confirmed COVID-19:

- Get tested 3-5 days <u>after</u> exposure
- Wear a mask for 14 days *or* until you test <u>negative</u>

In Schools:

 Teachers, staff, students, and visitors should ALL wear masks—fully vaccinated or not

Have **COVID-19 symptoms** (vaccinated or unvaccinated)?

Get tested and self-isolate!

Not vaccinated yet? Wear masks until fully vaccinated.



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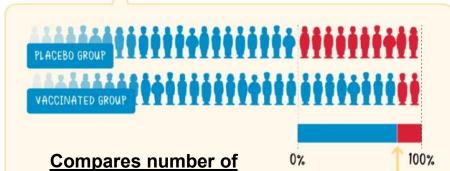
Vaccine efficacy

Efficacy = measure of how much the vaccine lowered the risk of getting sick.



Vaccine effectiveness

Effectiveness = measure of how well vaccines work in the real world.



cases of disease in 2 groups:

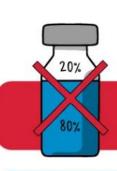
Vaccinated vs placebo

80% REDUCTION = 80% EFFICACY

High efficacy = less people in the vaccinated group got sick than the people who received the placebo.

Placebo = fake vaccine

Full article: click here



If a vaccine has an efficacy of 80 percent:

It does not mean that the vaccine will only work 80% of the time.

80% LESS of vaccinated people will get sick when exposed to the virus.



"Mass VaxMillions" Vaccine Lottery Program

WHAT could I win?

- Ages 12-17: <u>1 of 5</u> \$300,000 scholarships
- Ages 18 or older: 1 of 5 \$1 million cash prizes

WHO can enter to win?

- Lawful/Permanent Massachusetts residents
- Fully vaccinated in Massachusetts
- Aged 12 or older

See Official Rules here.

How do I enter to win?

ONLINE

Ages 12—17: https://www.vaxmillionsgiveaway.com/child-registration

Ages 18 or older: https://www.vaxmillionsgiveaway.com/adult-registration

NO INTERNET/COMPUTER? CALL 2-1-1 DURING THE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM



ENTER TO WIN!

NOTE: Winners with a qualifying disability can choose to get the winnings put into a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account for qualified expenses.

See VaxMillions Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) here.

DRAWING SCHEDULE:

Registration Deadline Note: Two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of J&J must be completed by the date below.	How many drawings do I qualify for?	Drawing Date	Announcement Date	Get your first dose by: Note, second doses must be completed by the date that registration closes.
July 22	All 5	July 26	July 29	Moderna: June 24
				Pfizer: July 1 J&J: July 22 (no second dose
July 29	Next 4	August 2	August 5	Moderna: July 1 Pfizer: July 8 J&J: July 29 (no second dose required)
August 5	Next 3	August 9	August 12	Moderna: July 8 Pfizer: July 15 J&J: August 5 (no second dose required)
August 12	Next 2	August 16	August 19	Moderna: July 15 Pfizer: July 22 J&J: August 12 (no second dose required)
August 19	Only final	August 23	August 26	Moderna: July 22 Pfizer: July 29 J&J: August 19 (no second dose required)



July's Vaccine Schedule



EQUITY VACCINE CLINICS – WALK-INS

<u>Monday</u> 7/26/2021	La Plaza Supermarket 1000 Main Street Worcester, MA 01603	9:00AM - 12:00PM
	Gift card with each vaccination! ¡Tarjetas de regalo con cada vacunación;	
Saturday 7/31/2021	Dogfather Food truck Festival Beaver Brook Park, Worcester, MA 01602	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday 7/31/2021	Piedmont Neighborhood Block Party 93 Piedmont St. Worcester, MA 01609	1:00PM - 3:00PM
Every Wednesday During July	Worcester Public Library 3 Salem St, Worcester, MA 01608	11:00 AM - 7:30 PM

PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN VACCINATION

Monday - Sundays 24 HOURS

CVS walk-in vaccination sites | Book Online at CVS.com or call 1 888 300 4419

529 Lincoln St Worcester MA 01605 500 Grafton St Worcester MA 01604 50 SW Cutoff Worcester MA 01604 481 Lincoln St Worcester MA 01605 44 W. Boylston St Worcester MA 1605 400 Park Ave Worcester MA 01610 115 Stafford At Worcester MA 01603

Monday - Sundays 24 HOURS Walgreens Locations | Call for appointments - (508) 767 1732

472 Lincoln St Worcester 01605 398 Belmont St Worcester MA 01604 99 Stafford St Worcester MA 01603 320 Park Ave Worcester MA 01610 220 Grafton St Worcester MA 01604

Contact Michelle to request an interpreter/reasonable accommodation:

Michelle Ortiz Ocasio Call: 774-303-6976

Email: mortizocasio.socialwork@gmail.com

NEED AN ASL INTERPRETER?



NEED A RIDE to and from your vaccine appointment? To request a ride contact:

Worcester Family Resource Center - LIFT Code Access | Monday – Friday

Call (508) 796-1411 or Email WFRC@youinc.org | Leave a message with your name, destination and contact information.

Someone will return your call ASAP. Travel within the city of Worcester only.

For weekend rides, call Jessica Reyes at (774) 239-6584
*For additional Vaccine availability near you please visit: https://vax.inder.mass.gov

Governor Baker's Updates

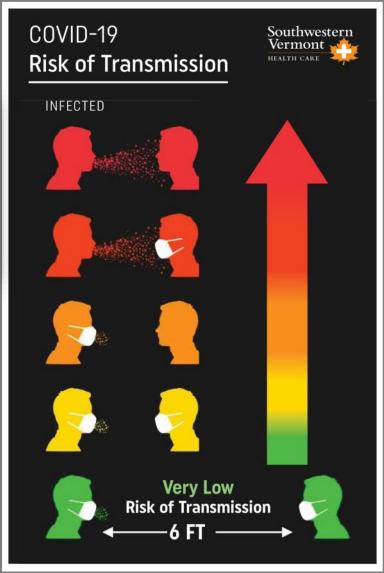


First VaxMillions Winners Announced!

Watch the VaxMillions announcement here.

Watch past press briefings here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCl4cQXPbUXcziy41Jfsuqwg

Press Office: https://www.mass.gov/ orgs/governors-press-office



Staff Updates

We're sad to say that another CLW DHILS team member is leaving. Justina Bailey's last day will be Monday, August 2nd. She will be relocating to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her family. We will miss her warmth, team player personality and dedication to working with her consumers. The good news is that we will not see the last of her! Justina will become a VLOG consultant for CLW, so you will still see her in all CLW DHILS' social media and other posts.

We also want to add that when Justina was first hired in March 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic had just started. We thought the pandemic would last a very short time and that Justina would be able to work in the CLW office, but to our surprise, she ended up working remotely for the full 17 months, never in the office. She faced many challenges working remotely, but she persevered and learned so much via trainings through Zoom, Marco Polo, FaceTime and Videophone, and did a great job!



We wish her the best with her move and look forward to continued work with her on VLOGS!