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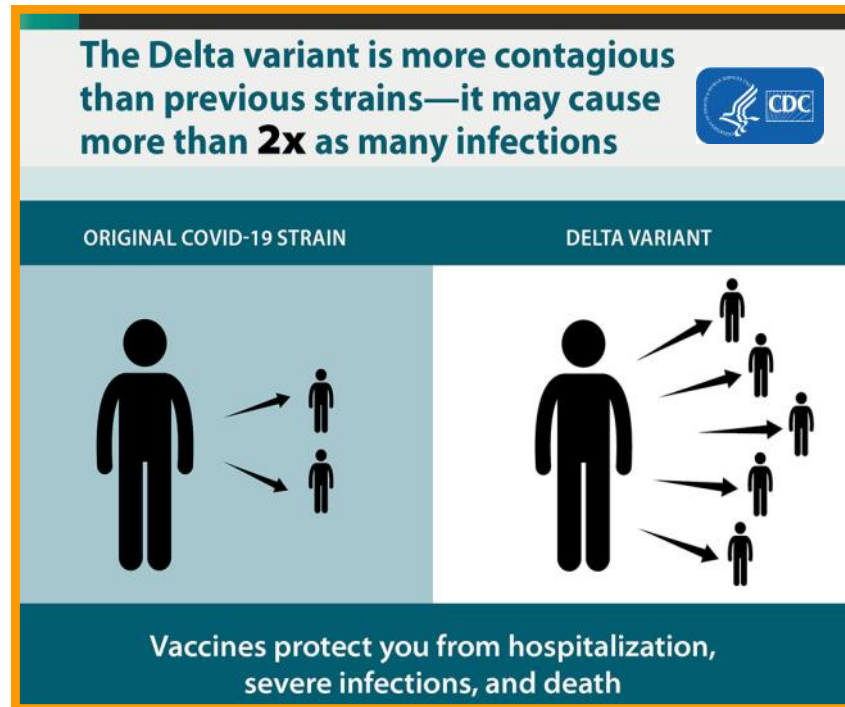
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WHAT'S UP?



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services

COVID-19 Updates



COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots Will be Offered

- ♦ Starting in September (*once approved by the FDA*), *Booster shots* will be given to:
 - ♦ People **ages 18 and older**
 - ♦ who already got **2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer**
 - ♦ about 8 months *after* their 2nd dose
- ♦ NOTE: At this time, don't know about a booster for people who got the *Johnson & Johnson*, but that may change.
- ♦ Who will get the Booster first?
 - ♦ People ages 65 and older
 - ♦ People in chronic-care facilities (nursing homes, assisted living, etc.)
 - ♦ Healthcare workers
 - ♦ Anyone else who was vaccinated earliest



NOTE: New information is shared all the time, so this may change.

Cases Continue to Go Up



Almost all cases of severe sickness, hospitalization, and death — are people who are NOT vaccinated at all. [US Department of Health & Human Services. Full article [here](#).]

Protect Yourself and Others



Washing your hands is the best protection:

Wash often

- Use soap and water
- Wash for at least 20 seconds

Use hand sanitizer

- Alcohol-based
- When washing is not an option



Avoid close contact:

With people who are sick or may appear under the weather

Stay home when you are sick. Do not expose others.



Face masks:

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze:

- Use a tissue then**
 - Trash the tissue
 - Wash your hands
- Into your elbow**
 - When a tissue is not available



Clean and disinfect often:

- With a household cleaning product, wipe**
 - Frequently touched objects
 - Regularly used surfaces

• Get vaccinated!

- Find a location here: [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov), or
- Mobile pop-up clinic [here](#), or
- In-Home Vaccination Program [here](#)

• Wear a mask (vaccinated or NOT vaccinated)

• Avoid crowds and places where air doesn't move well

- Avoid indoor spaces without fresh air from outside.
- Open windows and doors if possible.

• Wash your hands often

- Soap & water for *at least* 20 seconds.
- *No soap?* Use **hand sanitizer** with at least 60% alcohol.

• Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth or use the inside of your elbow.

• Stay 6 feet away from others

• Clean and disinfect high touch areas

• Watch your own health

- COVID-19 symptoms? Talk with your doctor and get tested!



**Vaccine Outreach:
Sharing Resources**

<https://www.tlcdeaf.org/VAXup>



Governor Baker's Updates

Watch past press briefings [here](#).

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



August's Vaccine Schedule



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Hazlo por ti, hazlo por mi, hazlo por tu
comunidad | **VACUNATE**

Do it for yourself, do it for me, do it for your
community | **GET VACCINATED**

DATE

LOCATION

TIME

~~Every Wednesday
During
August 2021~~

~~Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Street, Worcester, MA 01608~~

~~11:00AM – 7:30PM~~

Monday - Fridays

Edward Kennedy Community Health Center
19 Tacoma Street, Worcester, MA 01605

8:00AM – 1:00PM

Mondays
&
Thursdays

UMass Memorial Health Care
UMass Memorial Health COVID_19 Vaccine Center
Mercantile Center 201 Commercial Street, Worcester
Offering Vaccinations for individuals ages 12 and older.
Walk-ins welcome

Monday: 11:00AM-
3:00PM

Thursdays: 9:00AM-
12:00PM

Tuesday - Saturdays

Family Health Center Worcester
26 Queen Street, Worcester, MA 01610
Walk-in are accepted on Wednesday
from 9:00am- 12:00pm
Call to request an appointment - 508-860-7700
Contact person- Glory

Tuesday: 4:40PM - 6:40PM
Wednesday: 8:40AM - 6:40PM
Thursday: 4:40PM - 6:40PM
Friday: 8:40AM - 3:40PM
Saturday 9:20AM - 3:40PM

Fridays

AIDS Project Worcester
165 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01605
Contact (508) 755 3773

1:00PM - 4:00 PM

EQUITY VACCINE CLINICS – WALK-INS

~~Thursday
8/12/2021~~

~~Out to Lunch Festival and Farmers' Market
Worcester Common Oval~~

~~11:00 AM -2:00PM~~

~~Thursday
8/19/2021~~

~~Out to Lunch Festival and Farmers' Market
Worcester Common Oval~~

~~11:00AM- 2:00PM~~

Tuesday
8/31/2021

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL OF MEMORY and HOPE
Worcester City Hall Plaza or
inside in the Levi Lincoln Room
455 Main St Worcester, MA 01608

5:00PM



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PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN VACCINATION

Monday -Sundays
8:00AM – 6:00PM

CVS walk-in vaccination sites (Walk-in depends on vaccine availability)

*Book Online at CVS.com or call 1 888 300 4419.

* Vaccine type varies, contact local CVS for their Details

***Follow Prompt to
speak to the
Pharmacist**

256 Lincoln St Worcester MA 01605	(508) 791 2570
481 Lincoln St Worcester MA 01605	(508) 832 3578
529 Lincoln St Worcester MA 01605	(508) 852 5790
44 W Boylston St Worcester MA 1605	(508) 852 0238
500 Grafton St Worcester MA 01604	(508) 798 8743
400 Park Ave Worcester MA 01610	(508) 792 3866
50 SW Cutoff Worcester MA 01604	(508) 793 1903
115 Stafford St Worcester MA 01603	(508) 753 3297

Walgreens Locations | Call for appointments

(508) 767 1732

Monday -- Sundays
9:00AM – 8:00PM

(Walk-in depends on vaccine availability: contact local Walgreens for their Details)

***Follow Prompt to
speak to the
pharmacist**

472 Lincoln St Worcester, MA 01605	(508) 856-7923
320 Park Ave Worcester MA 01610	(508) 767-1732
398 Belmont St Worcester MA 01604	(508) 713 0149
220 Grafton St Worcester MA 01604	(508) 755-4196
99 Stafford St Worcester MA 01603	(508) 797-6401

NEED AN ASL INTERPRETER?

Contact Michelle Ortiz Ocasio to request interpreter/other accommodation.

Call: 774-303-6976 or Email: mortizocasio.socialwork@gmail.com



Need a ride?

If you need a ride to and from your vaccine appointment / location, please call the following organization to request a ride. | **Worcester Family Resource Center - LIFT Code Access**

Monday- Friday Call (508) 796 1411 or Email WFRC@youinc.org | Leave a message including your name, destination and contact information. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. This service is only offered for travel within the city of Worcester

For weekend rides, call Jessica Reyes at (774) 239 6584

***For additional Vaccine availability near you please visit:
<https://vaxfinder.mass.gov>**

COVID-19 TESTING IF YOU ARE VACCINATED

| COVID-19 |

You did your part by getting vaccinated, but you still have an important role to play in stopping this pandemic.

Even though it's rare, some people who are vaccinated still get COVID-19.



So, if you have symptoms, especially if you've been around someone with COVID-19, you should get tested.



By getting tested you protect the people around you, including your loved ones.



Encourage your friends and family to get vaccinated.

Remember, if you feel sick, get tested.



www.cdc.gov/covidtesting

Delta Variant: *Deaf in Scrubs*



PART ONE

- ♦ What is it?
- ♦ Do vaccines work against it?

<https://youtu.be/iS-gWg1uwuM>



PART TWO

- ♦ Why does the CDC now recommend that fully vaccinated people wear masks?
- ♦ I'm vaccinated. Do I need to worry if someone else isn't vaccinated?
- ♦ The Delta variant is as contagious as chicken pox. What does that mean?

<https://youtu.be/tof1nRqThR8>

2021-2022 Worcester Public School (WPS)

DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and DPH (Department of Health) released a new COVID-19 guidance for schools:

- ♦ All Staff and Students are **required to wear masks**

See full guide here: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/fall-2021-covid19-guide/>

First Day of School

- ♦ **Grades 1 to 12:** Monday, August 30th
- ♦ **Pre-K and Kindergarten:** Thursday, September 2nd

Click [here](#) for the **2021-2022 WPS Calendar**.

Want email updates? Contact Julie Taka at: TakaJ@worcesterschools.net

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Assistive Technology Guide for Students and Families—Part 1

Assistive technology can help your student develop confidence and independence!

ADCO has an *Assistive Technology* series to introduce some technology to your family. The first article discusses basic alarms.

Coming soon: *Personal Amplifiers, FM Systems and Using Assistive Technology in the Classroom.*

View the guide [here](#).

