

**LVHN Now Providing COVID-19 Vaccines to
Firefighters, Police, National Guard and Protective Services Personnel**

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (Jan. 8, 2021) - Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is furthering our partnership with first responders by offering first responders the COVID-19 vaccine. LVHN follows the Pennsylvania Department of Health's phased approach to vaccination.

First Responders in Phase 1B as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health:

- Law enforcement
- Fire/rescue personnel
- PA National Guard responders not included otherwise in Phase 1a
- Older Adult Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services

First responders can take these steps to schedule their COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

- **Step 1: Sign up for MyLVHN** – Those who are eligible to receive a vaccine based on the criteria above can schedule a COVID-19 vaccine. The first step is to create a [MyLVHN](https://www.lvhn.org/MyLVHN) account. Everyone with a MyLVHN account will automatically be preregistered for a COVID-19 vaccine. MyLVHN is a free, secure, easy-to-use patient portal that connects you with your personal health information. You do not need to be a current patient of LVHN, LVPG or Coordinated Health to open a MyLVHN account. Learn more at [LVHN.org/MyLVHN](https://www.lvhn.org/MyLVHN).
- **Step 2: Identify as an essential worker** – Once you've logged into MyLVHN click on the menu button and select "COVID-19 Essential Worker Questionnaire." You'll be prompted to answer a few questions and click submit when finished.

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- **Step 3: Once you complete the form, you will be notified within TWO HOURS or less when you can schedule the date and location of your vaccination in MyLVHN -** Your appointment guarantees you will receive a vaccine. You can choose to receive a vaccination at any of these locations: Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, LVH–Muhlenberg, LVH–Hazleton, LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street and LVH–Pocono.

You also can schedule an appointment by calling 484-884-1767.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective

We are administering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. While patients will not be able to choose which vaccine they will receive, both have been proven safe and effective. After providing two months of safety data from ongoing Phase 3 trials, Pfizer and Moderna were granted Emergency Use Authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Data show that Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine is 95 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 while Moderna’s vaccine has shown to be 94.5 percent effective.

Plan for vaccinating the rest of the community

The LVHN plan for administering COVID-19 vaccines is determined by the [Pennsylvania Department of Health’s phased approach to vaccination](#). To learn more about COVID-19 Vaccines, go to [LVHN.org/Vaccines](https://www.lvhn.org/Vaccines).

Lehigh Valley Health Network includes eight hospital campuses, three in Allentown, one in Bethlehem, one in East Stroudsburg, one in Hazleton and two in Pottsville, Pa.; Coordinated Health, which includes two hospital campuses, nearly two dozen multispecialty locations including ambulatory surgery centers and orthopedic injury centers in northeastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey; 26 health centers; numerous primary and specialty care physician practices; 20 ExpressCARE locations including the area’s only Children’s ExpressCARE;

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pharmacy, imaging, home health, rehabilitation and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred. Specialty care includes: trauma care for adults and children, burn care at the Regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, orthopedics, neurology, complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and robotic surgery in 10 specialties. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute and Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence physicians provide the most advanced treatments. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute is a member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Alliance, an initiative that helps community providers improve the quality of cancer care and offers access to MSK clinical trials. Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, the community's only children's hospital, provides care in more than 30 specialties and general pediatrics. Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest is ranked as the region's #1 hospital for seven straight years and has been recognized among Pennsylvania's top six hospitals for seven consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report. Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, LVH–17th Street and LVH–Muhlenberg are the region's only Magnet® hospitals for nursing excellence. Additional information is available by visiting LVHN.org or following us on Facebook and Twitter.

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