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County COVID-19 Vaccine Data & Reminder to Adults 65+ Years Old to Schedule Their COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

Kalamazoo, MI – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is releasing data on vaccination progress for Kalamazoo County for those over the age of 65 years old. This data includes vaccination progress from all providers in Kalamazoo County administering the COVID-19 vaccine, including healthcare systems, local public health, and pharmacies.

Kalamazoo County has given a total of 70,497 doses, with 44,475 being first dose and 26,022 being second dose. Specifically for adults 65 years and older who have received at least one dose, the percentage increased to 57.3% compared to 43.3% the previous week. Compared to the State of Michigan, which is at 45.0%, Kalamazoo County is ahead in vaccinating adults 65 years and older.

Due to the anticipated availability of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week, as well as increase shipments of both Pfizer and Moderna doses, the amount of vaccine doses available to the health department has increased.

Because of this increase, the health department is close to calling or emailing the entirety of the 65+ COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-registration Waitlist.

Out of a desire to ensure that everyone who has registered is able to receive the vaccine, the health department is asking anyone who was on the 65+ Pre-Registration Waitlist who has NOT yet heard from the health department to schedule an appointment to reach out to the health department to schedule their appointment.

“It is the top priority for the health department to vaccinate as many eligible residents as we have vaccines,” said Jim Rutherford, Health Officer of Kalamazoo County. “The data shows that as a county we are doing well in vaccinating those over the age of 65 years old. If you want to be vaccinated and you have not heard from us, please reach out so we can get you scheduled.”

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Reasons for why people over the age of 65 years old that registered but may not have heard from the health department include:

1. Application to the waitlist was not complete.
2. Contact information is incorrect or incomplete.
3. Email from the health department may have been sent to a junk or spam folder.
4. Phone call may have been missed with a voicemail left or there was an inability to leave a voicemail.

Current eligibility is that you must be over the age of 65 years old and live in Kalamazoo County. If you are eligible and have not heard from the health department, please contact us to schedule an appointment by taking the following steps:

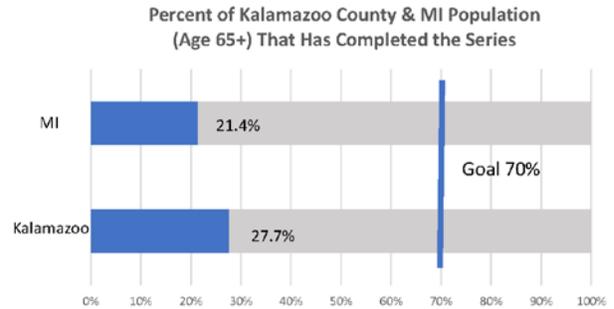
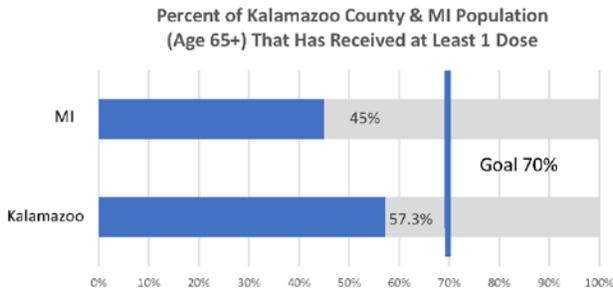
1. Register online or by phone.
 - a. Online: complete the pre-registration waitlist form and ensure all information is entered correctly. You will see a pop-up browser indicating that your form was submitted. If you have completed this form previously but did not hear from the health department, complete it again at www.kalcounty.com/hcs/covid1965plusvaccinationform.php
 - b. By Phone: call the COVID Call Center at 269-373-5200.
2. The health department will reach out to you shortly to schedule a time for your vaccine dose.

Important points:

- Contact information from the 65+ Pre-Registration Waitlist Form is shared with healthcare partners to try to move through the waitlist as quickly as possible. Only your name and contact information (phone or email) may be shared so that you can be contacted to schedule an appointment.
- Vaccination is not available at the Health Department and is provided by appointment only at vaccination sites. Do NOT show up at the health department or any vaccination site without an appointment.
- Kalamazoo County Government’s website can be converted to Spanish, Arabic and French. On any county website, in the top right-hand corner under the social media icons, you will see “Translate”. Click on this and select the language you wish to translate the page to. The pre-registration waitlist form will also translate to this language.
- The most up-to-date information is at www.kalcounty.com/covid19 and www.facebook.com/KalamazooCountyHCS. We will notify the public via press releases, social media, and website.
- If you are eligible because of your work (a critical healthcare infrastructure or frontline essential worker), information may also come through your employer. The Health Department is actively communicating and coordinating efforts with the employers of eligible workers. Those employees should expect scheduling information through their employers.
- Please reserve phone calls for those who cannot easily access online information. The health department’s COVID-19 Call Center is 269-373-5200.

Kalamazoo County COVID Vaccination Data Age 65+

Total Number of Doses Given Age 65+	Total First Doses Given Age 65+	Total Second Doses Given Age 65+
34,785	23,454	11,331

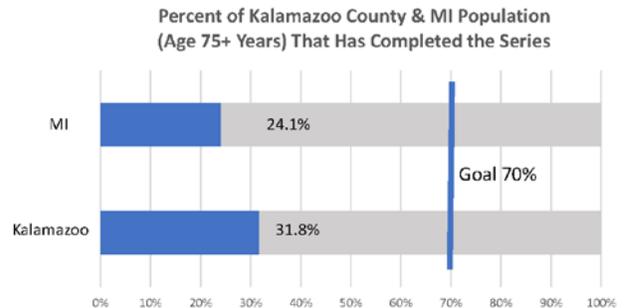
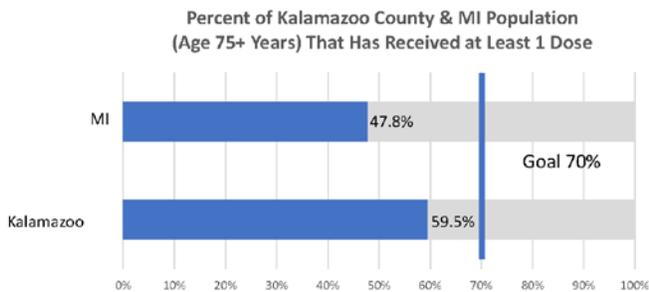


↑ from previous week 43.3% to 57.3%

Source: [Michigan COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#); data as of 2/28/2021

Kalamazoo County COVID Vaccination Data Age 75+

Total Number of Doses Given Age 75+	Total First Doses Given Age 75+	Total Second Doses Given Age 75+
15,540	10,131	5,409



↑ from previous week 48.4% to 59.5%

Source: [Michigan COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#); data as of 2/28/2021