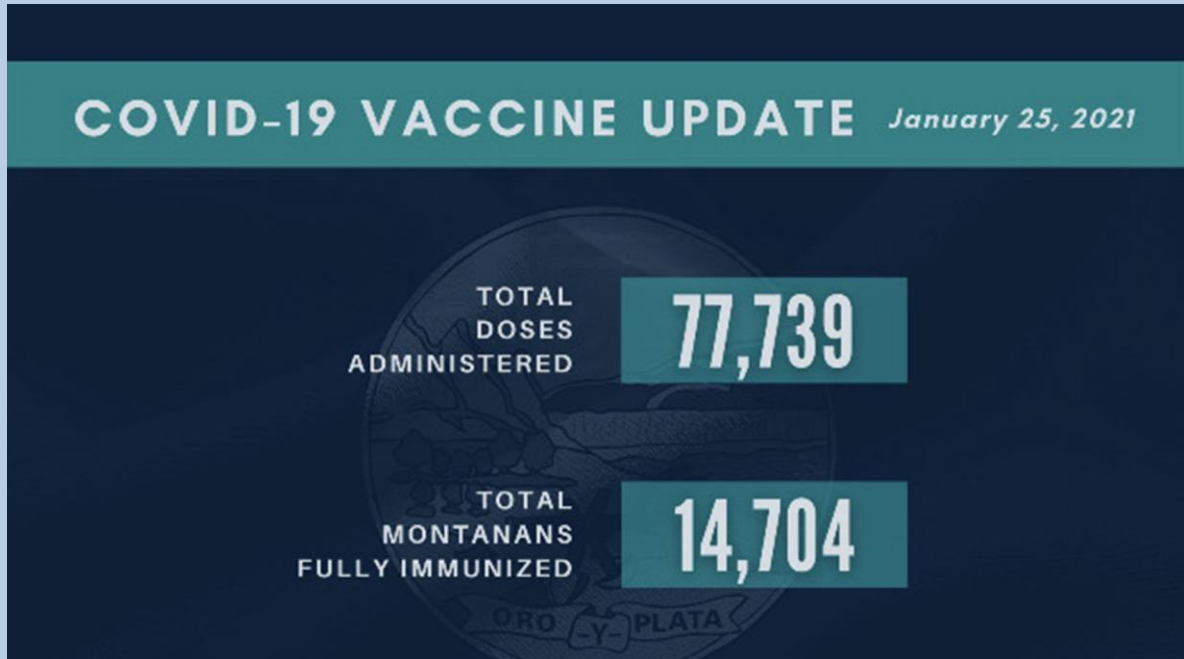


COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Coordination Team Update Week of January 25, 2021

For daily COVID-19 Vaccine Updates, Governor Gianforte is sharing daily updates on Twitter. @GovGianforte



MONTANA IS NOW IN PHASE 1B

On January 19, 2021, [Governor Gianforte announced](#) that Montana has moved into Phase 1B. Montana's approach is to protect those most vulnerable in order to reduce hospitalizations and deaths. Nearly 75% of COVID-19 deaths in Montana are those age 70 and older.

Montana is now in Phase 1B. This phase includes those 70 years of age and older, 16 to 69 years of age with a high-risk medical condition, and Native Americans and other persons of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications.

The [COVID-19 vaccine distribution recommendations](#) were updated on January 5, 2021. About a week after the governor's changes, the federal government recommended similar modifications.

NEW WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

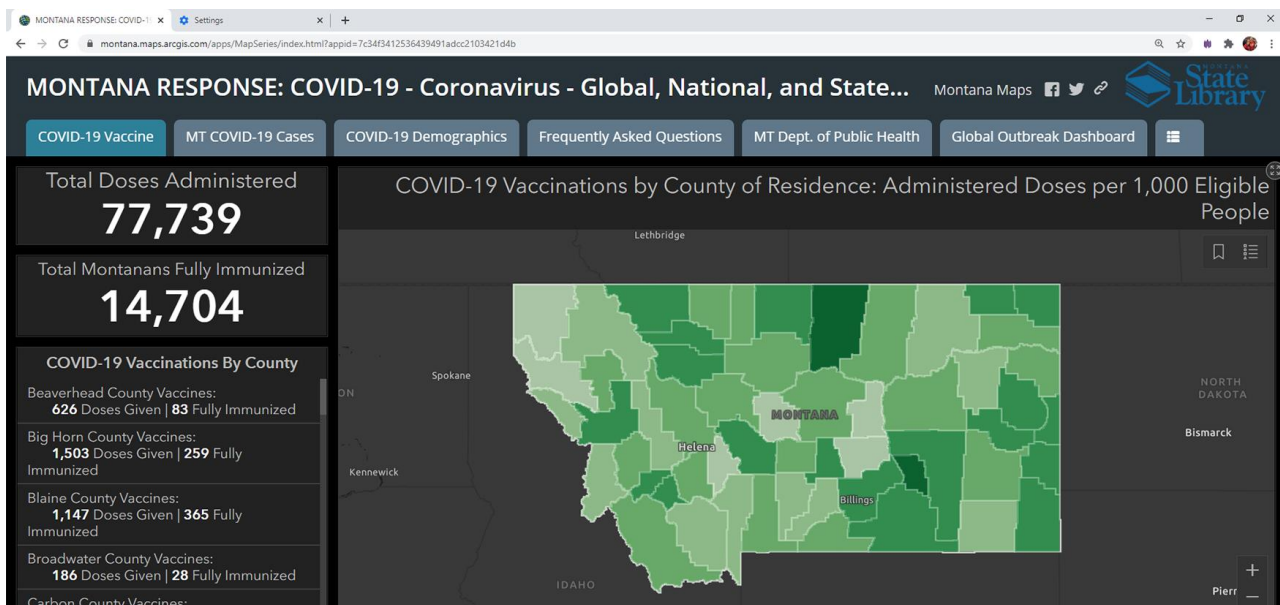
Governor Gianforte [announced today](#) new website enhancements related to COVID-19 vaccine information.

The new additions include a new [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#), a [new vaccine website landing page](#), and a [new map with local public health department information and resources](#).

Vaccine Dashboard

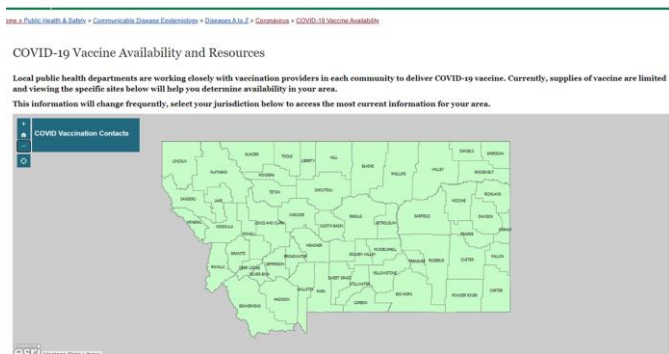
The dashboard (**see screenshot below**) includes information on total vaccine doses administered, Montanans fully immunized, and doses administered per 1,000 eligible people across Montana counties.

Dashboard data will be updated to reflect the ongoing progress of vaccine administration in the Treasure State.



Map of Local Vaccine Contact Information

A new map (**screenshot right**) for local contact information and resources is also available. The map links to online and social media sites where jurisdictions share information on vaccine availability and scheduling. The map also includes the best local phone number to call, but Montanans are urged to utilize the online information first.

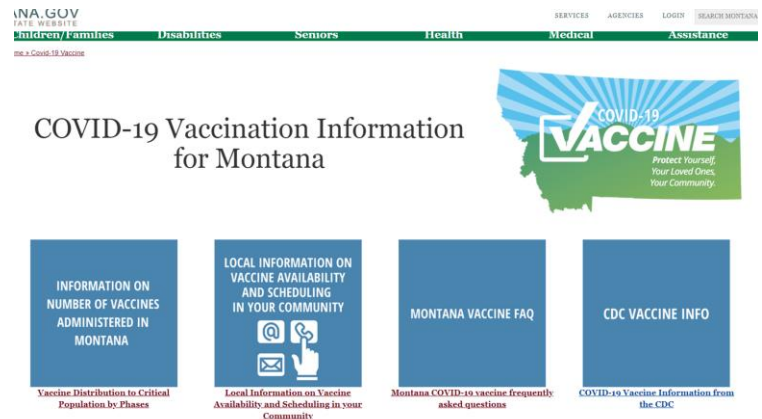


Local public health departments are working closely with vaccination providers in each community to deliver COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, supplies are limited and viewing the specific sites in the map will help Montanans determine availability in their area. Note the

information will change frequently, and by selecting the county on the map will pull up current information in that area.

New Landing Page

There is also a new vaccine landing page website (**see screenshot to the right**). The site includes links to the two new pages, as well as Montana-specific FAQs, and a link to CDC vaccine information.



VACCINE ALLOCATION UPDATE

Montana continues to receive vaccine shipments on a weekly basis. The state is notified at the beginning of each week by the federal government the number of new doses that the state will receive next. At the end of each week, DPHHS notifies local jurisdictions about the amount of vaccine they will receive the following week, and then they work to communicate upcoming vaccine clinics and/or provide a vaccine status update to their communities via websites, social media and the news media.

As of January 25, 2021, the state has received a total of 99,025 vaccine doses since it first became available in December.

LONG TERM CARE FACILITY UPDATE

First dose vaccinations to nearly all of Montana's long term care facilities (including nursing homes and assisted living facilities) will be complete by the end of January. All facilities will receive a total of three visits for second doses and for those who still need a first dose.

VACCINE ENROLLED PROVIDERS

DPHHS is working with local county and Tribal health departments, pharmacies, hospitals, and community health centers across Montana to distribute the vaccine. To date, DPHHS has enrolled approximately 222 providers who, as part of that enrollment, are trained on how to store, handle and administer the vaccine. As more vaccine becomes available, these providers will have the ability to receive and administer the vaccine.

COMMUNICATIONS

DPHHS is planning to launch a public service announcement campaign for the public to learn more about the vaccine, as well as when and where they can get the vaccine. DPHHS will produce TV, radio, and print media products, which will be available on the website as a tool kit for local communities to use. This effort is in process. Stay tuned!

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at the end of February, the exact date TBD.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out if you have a question or suggestion through the Team email at HSCovidvaxteam@mt.gov

Thanks for all you're doing, and for continuing to be part of this effort.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The COVID-19 information phone line and email continue to be a resource for Montanans with questions. The phone line is 1-888-333-0461 and email is covid19info@mt.gov.