



1. Who can get the vaccine now?	Front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities (called Phase 1A) plus people over 65 or with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (called Phase 1B) are currently eligible to receive the COVID 19 vaccine. Phase 1B recipients include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People 65 years of age and older• People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cancer○ Chronic kidney disease○ COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)○ Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies○ Solid organ transplantation○ Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher)○ Pregnancy○ Sickle cell disease○ Type 2 diabetes mellitus
2. After Phase 1, who gets the vaccine next?	Spring 2021 is the best estimate of when vaccine will be available for the general public, but that may change. It depends on vaccine production and how quickly other vaccines become available. The Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel is considering what criteria could be used for later stages of vaccine distribution.
3. Does Rockwall County receive doses or allocations of Covid19 Vaccinations?	No, Providers that are registered and approved in the Department of State Health Services database are allocated a vaccine allotment and receive it directly from the vaccine manufacture.
4. Who decides vaccine allocation and distributions?	The CDC determines how many doses Texas receives each week. From there, Texas has convened a team of appointed subject-matter experts to the COVID-19 Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel to develop vaccine allocation strategies as recommendations to the Texas Commissioner of Health.
5. How does Rockwall County receive vaccine allocations?	The Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel determines allocations and allotments for registered vaccine providers for each and every county in Texas.
6. How does a provider register to administer the vaccine?	Health care facilities and clinics in Rockwall County can register to be vaccine providers by going to Department of State Health Services website and following the steps to register. Vaccine Provider Enrollment can be found here - https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx
7. Where can I sign up to get the vaccine?	Until the vaccine is allocated by the state for mass distribution purposes, no county managed signup/waitlist or appointments will be made. Rockwall County has created a webpage that contains information regarding local vaccine provider and hub information, including any links to waitlists they may have. Rockwall County vax webpage is found here - https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/1065/COVID-19-Vaccine-in-Rockwall-County
8. Why doesn't Rockwall County have a vaccination registration list?	No County waitlist or appointments will be made until / unless the vaccine is allocated by the State for mass distribution purposes. Registration lists are for actual providers of the vaccines. Rockwall County is not yet a vaccination provider.
9. Why isn't Rockwall County a vaccination provider?	The new Rockwall County Health Authority has enrolled to be a provider and has requested an allocation.
10. Where did allotments of vaccine go this week?	On the Department of State Health Services website, weekly vaccine allotments are listed under "more information" on the right side of the webpage here - https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx



11. How many residents in Rockwall County have received the vaccine?	Department of State Health Services has created a database for this information. It can be found here - https://tabexternal.dshs.texas.gov/t/THD/views/COVID-19VaccineinTexasDashboard/Summary?%3Aorigin=card_share_link&%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y
12. Which providers in Rockwall County have received the vaccine?	Department of State Health Services has created a "Covid19 Vaccine Availability Map" that allows you to see what providers in Rockwall County have received the vaccine. Covid19 Vaccine Availability Map can be found here - https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3ddace5c376b However, the Rockwall County website has more updated information such as when doses were allocated, if any are currently available, which groups are being vaccinated, etc. Rockwall County vax webpage found here - https://www.rockwallcountytexas.com/1065/COVID-19-Vaccine-in-Rockwall-County
13. Does Rockwall County have plans to set up a mass vaccination site?	Yes, Rockwall County Office of Emergency Management has and has always had a Point of Distribution (POD) plan. It has been modified to distribute vaccinations. Once Texas has allocated enough doses to Rockwall County, a POD plan will be utilized. We have partnered with several organizations in preparation to implement this plan and are ready as soon as large allotments of vaccine is received.
14. If I am a resident from Rockwall County, can I register to get the vaccine somewhere else?	Yes, you can register and receive vaccine at any vaccine hub in Texas. COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers can be found here - https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx
15. Have long term care facilities already received the vaccinations?	As of 1/13/21, all 12 long term care facilities have received the 1 st dose of vaccine through the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program.
16. Other senior living facilities who didn't receive vaccines from the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program?	The State has not allocated any vaccines to local providers that the county has partnered with who will be the ones to facilitate vaccinations for this group of seniors.
17. Why is Rockwall County not receiving any vaccines this week?	Most of the vaccines that Texas is allocating for Week 5 and Week 6 (1/11/21 – 1/25/21) are being sent to the mass vaccination hubs. More vaccine will become available to vaccine providers in the coming weeks.
18. Can a person under the age of 16 receive a vaccine?	Pfizer's vaccine has been authorized for ages 16 and up. However, the Pfizer vaccine requires ultra-cold storage between -112°F and -76°. That storage capability is very limited throughout the state. Moderna's vaccine is currently authorized for ages 18 and up. Both Pfizer and Moderna recently began new vaccine trials including children as young as age 12. If they're successful, the data will need to go through FDA review, followed by the time it takes for production and distribution.
19. Additional questions specific to the vaccine can be found on the DSHS website.	https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-faqs.aspx