

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
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**COVID-19 VACCINE TEMPORARY WAITLIST
PHASE 1B**

Today, Polk County launched a temporary waitlist for the COVID-19 vaccine for Phase 1B. Phase 1B includes persons who are 65 and older, or persons 18 years and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus. See the Texas Department of State Health Service's definition of Phase 1B for more details.

Persons who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccination may sign up on Polk County's TEMPORARY WAITLIST by clicking the following link: <https://arcg.is/11ePGb>.

Persons without internet access who do not have someone able to help them sign-up online may contact Emergency Management at (936) 327-6826.

This temporary waitlist will be used by County staff and our partner vaccine providers to distribute the vaccine to the public for a limited time. Please note, this is a waitlist only and NOT a registration list.

The Angelina County & Cities Health District (ACCHD) is preparing a more sophisticated self-registration and appointment program that we hope will be launched soon. When ACCHD launches their new program, it will be linked to our Facebook page and website so you can sign up. The temporary waitlist will then be discontinued.

Please stay tuned to the Emergency Management Facebook page and website for the announcement of the ACCHD COVID-19 vaccine registration and appointment program. We will also share this information with other local media outlets such as the Enterprise Newspaper, PolkCountyToday.com, Piney Woods Express online newspaper, and local radio stations.

Vaccine supplies are limited and wait times will be dependent upon vaccine availability and distribution phase. Please be patient. As the vaccine becomes more available, eligibility will expand.

Again, for further updates from Emergency Management, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement) or our website at www.PolkCountyOEM.com.