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Wilmington VA Medical Center Expands Vaccination Criteria Under SAVE LIVES Act

WILMINGTON, Del. — Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) expanded its COVID-19 vaccine eligibility in accordance with the Save Lives Act of 2021 which gave VA authority to offer COVID-19 vaccines to ALL Veterans, including Veterans not enrolled in VA health care, as well as some spouses and caregivers of Veterans.

"Wilmington VA Medical Center is extremely excited to hear the news of the recent signing of the SAVE LIVES Act into law. The law expands VA's eligibility to administer the vaccine," said Vince Kane, Director, Wilmington VAMC. "This new law allows us to vaccinate more Veterans and their spouses and caregivers."

How to get COVID-19 vaccine through Wilmington VA Medical Center: The Wilmington VA is currently vaccinating Veterans of all ages. Please do not delay getting your vaccine.

- **Veterans enrolled in VA health care:** Call **302-633-5200** to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

- **Spouses and caregivers of Veterans currently registered at Wilmington VAMC:*** Report with the Veteran's ID Card, spouse's photo ID, marriage license and any other documentation proving eligibility with Veteran to the Enrollment and Eligibility Office at the Wilmington VAMC at 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19805, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- **Non-enrolled Veterans (and their spouses and caregivers):*** Non-enrolled Veterans as defined in the new legislation can report with photo ID and copy of DD-214 to the Enrollment and Eligibility Office at Wilmington VAMC Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Spouses of non-enrolled Veteran should bring photo ID, copy of marriage license and any other documentation proving eligibility with Veteran if they are interested in getting the vaccine.

*After registration is complete, an appointment will be scheduled at Wilmington VAMC Vaccine Clinic. Same-day appointments are available most times, but brief wait times may be encountered to accommodate those needing vaccinations.

More information on the expanded eligibility is available on the Wilmington VAMC COVID-19 webpage at www.wilmington.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp or call **302-633-5200**.

Wilmington VA Medical Center provides health care services to Veterans through its main medical center and five Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Delaware and southern New Jersey.

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