

# COVID-19 VACCINES

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Where are the vaccination locations throughout Sacramento County?

- Current locations that are vaccinating eligible individuals include Health Care Providers such as clinics and hospitals, Safeway Pharmacies, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Costco, Walmart, Sam's Club Cal Expo, Cal NorthState, Sacramento State, McClellan Park and other various smaller sites. To make an appointment or locate a site doing walk-ups, visit <http://bit.ly/SacCountyVaccine> or <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

### Johnson & Johnson

- **Sacramento County Public Health Agrees J&J Vaccine Use Should Resume** - On April 23, 2021 the FDA and CDC lifted the recommended pause on the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine following a thorough safety review. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup also supported this recommendation. Sacramento County Public Health agrees that the vaccine is safe and providers should resume use of the J&J COVID-19 vaccine to prevent the continued spread of the disease, severe disease, and deaths from COVID-19.

### Must you have an appointment in advance to obtain the vaccination or can you walk in?

- It is suggested to have a scheduled appointment. At this time, many locations throughout Sacramento County are offering same day appointments. Some locations have also started to offer walk-in appointments.
- The online appointment schedule can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/SacCountyVaccine> or visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
- You can email [COVID19Vaccine@sacounty.net](mailto:COVID19Vaccine@sacounty.net) with any questions.
- If you need assistance making an appointment you can call 211 or 916-529-4519 and they can schedule for you.

### I am a Veteran, is the VA providing COVID-19 vaccinations?

- If you are a Veteran the VA Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) is now offering COVID-19 vaccines to all enrolled Veterans, regardless of age, and their registered caregivers. COVID-19 vaccinations are available by appointment only at any of our vaccine clinics in Mather, Martinez, Auburn, Chico, Fairfield, Mare Island, McClellan, Oakland, Redding, Yreka and Yuba City. Enrolled Veterans and registered caregivers can request an appointment by:
  - Sending a Secure Message in My HealtheVet to COVID VACCINE SCHEDULING – NCHCS

- Calling 1-800-382-8387 and selecting option 8. The call center is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., excluding federal holidays, Monday through Friday.

### **Can I get a vaccination right away?**

- Vaccine appointment availability has increased significantly recently.
- As of May 12, eligibility is open to all residents 12 years and older who lives or works in Sacramento County. .
- Youth who are 12 -17 years of age will need to make an appointment for the [Pfizer](#) vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is being dispensed by Sacramento County Public Health primarily at Cal Expo, McClellan Park, Sacramento State, Cal North State and Del Paso vaccination sites.
- Anyone 18 years and older are can make appointments for [Pfizer](#) or [Moderna](#).
- You can visit the California’s vaccination webpage at <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California's-vaccination-plan> to find out more information.

### **Are vaccines available for children under 12 years of age?**

- No COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for use in children under 12 at this time.
- Vaccine trials require that there is enough evidence on the timing, safety, effectiveness and practical aspects of vaccinating children for the coronavirus, especially children under age 12.

### **What should I bring with me to the vaccine appointment?**

- Any form of identification with a name and a birthday.
- Work ID or other form of employment verification if you qualify due to your job classification.
- U.S. Citizenship or legal residency is not required.

### **How do I schedule my second dose appointment?**

- Depending on the site participants receive their first vaccine, appointments for second doses will be scheduled during their first appointment or a registration link will be emailed to the participant approximately one week prior to needing their second dose.
- If you are looking for a second dose of Pfizer and have been unable to find one you can call 916-529-4519 to make a vaccine appointment. This is the 7 digit phone number to connect community members directly with 211 Sacramento.

### **In the two-dose series for the vaccines, can I get one from one manufacturer and the second dose from a different manufacturer (Pfizer and Moderna)?**

- No, you must get both vaccine doses from same manufacturer to get full protection from the vaccines.

### **If someone already had COVID-19, should they still get the vaccine?**

- Once you have cleared your 10 day isolation period you can receive the vaccine.
- While people who've recovered from COVID-19 do appear to have some immunity to the virus, we still don't know how powerful that immunity is — or how long it lasts. The vaccine produces antibody response in everyone.
- We know the vaccines are 95% effective in preventing you from getting COVID-19 and we want everyone to get that benefit.

### **What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?**

- Being fully vaccinated means it has been two weeks or more since you've received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks since you received a single-dose vaccine.

### **Do I still need to get tested if I am fully vaccinated?**

- Any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19, if indicated. The symptomatic fully vaccinated person should inform their healthcare provider of their vaccination status.

### **Do I still need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I received two doses of the vaccine?**

- For **fully vaccinated** persons, face coverings are not required outdoors except when:
  - Attending crowded outdoor events, such as:
    - Live performances
    - Parades
    - Fairs
    - Festivals
    - Sports events
    - Other similar settings
- For **unvaccinated** persons, face coverings are **required** outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings are also required when:
  - Attending crowded outdoor events, such as:
    - Live performances
    - Parades
    - Fairs
    - Festivals
    - Sports events
    - Other similar settings
- Face coverings are required, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor settings outside of one's home, such as public transportation, except as outlined below.

- Fully vaccinated people can visit, without wearing masks or physical distancing:
  - Other fully vaccinated people in indoor or outdoor settings
  - Unvaccinated people (including children) from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

Learn more about mask requirements in CDPH's [Guidance for use of face coverings](#).

### **Do I still need to quarantine after an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, if I am fully vaccinated?**

- Most fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine, or be restricted following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, as their risk of infection is low.
- However, they should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19 and tested if indicated.

### **I would like to volunteer to help in vaccination efforts, where do I sign up?**

- At this time, the best way to become a volunteer is to register with the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps. We are utilizing volunteers at many of our vaccination sites.
- <https://sacoes.saccounty.net/SacramentoMedicalReserveCorps/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Where can I email or call if I have questions?**

- If you have questions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, please email [COVID19Vaccine@saccounty.net](mailto:COVID19Vaccine@saccounty.net) or call the Sacramento County COVID Hotline at 916-875-2400.



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