



COVID-19 VACCINE: YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

Chicagoans age 65 and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine

Everyone has been impacted by COVID-19. But now, there is a light at the end of the tunnel – a safe and effective vaccine that can protect you and help end the pandemic.

WHEN CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

If you're age 65 or older, you're now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in Chicago.

HOW CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

There are multiple ways seniors can receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Chicago. Review the options to find the best way for you. Currently, there are no walk-in locations and you will need to register for an appointment. If you can't register by yourself, ask a family member, friend or a neighbor for help.

Your Healthcare Provider

The best way to get vaccinated against COVID-19 is by calling your primary medical provider, health clinic, community health center, or hospital where you receive primary health care services. Ask how and where you can receive COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine Appointment Tool

If you don't have a regular doctor, you can use [Zocdoc](#), the City's vaccine appointment tool, to see real-time appointment availability and receive notifications when new appointments are available. For appointment assistance, contact the City's COVID-19 helpline at 312-746-4835.

Your Local Pharmacy

You can also call your local pharmacy or check out the City's [COVID-19 Vaccine Finder](#) to find other locations offering COVID-19 vaccine.

Your Employer

If you're employed, discuss your vaccination options with your employer. Learn more at the [City's COVID-19 vaccine page for essential workers](#).

Independent Living Facility

If you live in an independent living facility, you may have access to vaccination through a vaccine event at your building.



Federal Vaccination Site at the United Center

There are drive- and walk-through appointments available at the United Center for those who meet the state's eligibility requirements – including seniors. Appointments can be made at ZocDoc.com/vaccine. For those without internet access, call 312-746-4835.

Protect Chicago Plus

If you live in a community area that is part of the City's [Protect Chicago Plus](#) program, expect additional vaccination options within the next few weeks, including a fixed vaccination site and special events in your community.

HOW CAN HOMEBOUND SENIORS GET VACCINATED?

For homebound seniors, Chicago Fire Department Community Paramedics are administering vaccines to seniors in their own homes. This mobile, home-health community vaccination program serves seniors who are unable to travel to a vaccination site, as well as their caregivers. Those interested in signing up for the program can complete a survey at <https://redcap.link/MobileCOVIDVax>.

WHY SHOULD I GET VACCINATED?

Older adults are at greater risk of requiring hospitalization or dying if they are diagnosed with COVID-19. As you get older, your risk of being hospitalized with severe COVID-19 infection increases.

IS THE VACCINE SAFE FOR ME?

COVID-19 vaccines were tested in large studies that included adults age 65 and older. Study results showed that the vaccines were safe and provided protection from COVID-19 in these older adults. COVID-19 vaccines do not use a live virus and cannot give you COVID-19. Side effects are less common in older adults than in younger people for both vaccines!

CAN I GET VACCINATED IF I HAVE UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccine is recommended and especially important for adults with underlying medical conditions, and some medical conditions increase risk for severe COVID-19 infection. Consult with your doctor if you have a history of significant allergic reactions to vaccines, food, or medicine.

IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE FREE?

Yes, the vaccine is offered at no cost to all Chicagoans, including those who are uninsured or undocumented.



Healthcare providers are not allowed to bill a patient directly for the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine or vaccine administration. Providers may charge your health insurer a fee related to administering the vaccine, but this cost cannot be passed onto you. Some providers may ask for your insurance information to submit the fee to the insurer. No one can be denied a vaccine due to lack of insurance or inability to produce insurance.

You can find additional vaccination sites and information at www.chicago.gov/COVIDvax, by emailing coronavirus@chicago.gov, or by calling the City of Chicago COVID-19 helpline at 312.746.4835.