

COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULING TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Update: Vaccines are available to all people ages 12 and over. Go to vaccines.gov to find one near you.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT SCHEDULING MY COVID-19 VACCINE FROM OTHER VACCINES?

- The vaccine is distributed by federal and state government
- At first, not everyone was eligible
- There are public clinics available
- Pharmacies are a primary location for getting vaccinated
- Your doctor's office or employer is less likely to offer appointments

WHAT DO I DO FIRST?

• Determine your eligibility by checking with your <u>health department</u> – look at their website, social media pages or other local news outlets

HOW DO I GET AN APPOINTMENT?

- Visit your local health department website and look for an online scheduling tool. They may also offer:
 - o a phone number to call and a waiting list
 - o vaccination clinics throughout your community
 - o links to other vaccine resources
 - o additional vaccination locations in your area

• Your pharmacy – this includes national chains, grocery store pharmacies, and locally-owned pharmacies. Most pharmacies will have an online scheduling tool.

OTHER TOOLS AND RESOURCES

• **Vaccinefinder.org**: This tool is starting to provide links to vaccination sites and is not available in all areas yet. Check regularly to see if it's helpful for you.

• Dr.B: This site links you to vaccine sites that may pop up and are at a first-come, first-serve basis. If you can be flexible with your scheduling, this may be a way to find a vaccine.

• Local hospital or doctor's office: Your healthcare provider may be a resource for information and have vaccine appointments. Check with them often.

OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

• Each state determines what groups are eligible to be vaccinated and this list changes frequently. Continue to check with your health department regularly to find out when you're eligible.

• Once you are eligible, know that the timing of the supply and delivery of the vaccine is unpredictable at times. It's advised to regularly check your health department and pharmacy websites for open appointments.

• Be prepared to dedicate time and patience to the scheduling process. Demand for the vaccine is high. Supply is limited. Appointment systems are new. Thus, making an appointment may take many tries.

· See these tips in preparing for your appointment

• Roll-up your sleeve! (Or wear a short-sleeved shirt.)