

Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19 in King County



We now have safe and effective vaccines to protect us from COVID-19.



COVID-19 vaccines are free and available regardless of health insurance, citizenship, or immigration status. The vaccine will be covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and will also be covered for people who are uninsured. Your provider cannot charge you for an office visit if you only go in to get the vaccine.



Ask your provider how many doses you need. To be fully effective, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines require two doses, three to four weeks apart, while Johnson & Johnson only requires one dose.



COVID-19 vaccines are safe and extremely effective. All COVID-19 vaccines must go through rigorous testing and evaluation before they can be used. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the vaccines for emergency use and found no serious safety concerns. Independent experts confirmed they meet high safety and effectiveness standards.



You may feel side effects. Like other routine vaccines, you may get a sore arm, fever, headaches, or fatigue after getting vaccinated. These are signs that your body's immune system is building up protection.



Keep each other safe after getting vaccinated. While the vaccine will prevent most people from getting sick, we are still learning how well it prevents the spread of COVID-19. Continue to wear your mask, stay six feet (two meters) apart, and check the CDC's guidance for fully vaccinated people: bit.ly/fully-vaccinated

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

At first, supplies of COVID-19 vaccine will be limited across the state and nationwide. Vaccination will be offered first to specific groups at highest risk, such as healthcare workers, older adults, and people in congregate settings.

As of April 15, 2021, anyone age 16 years and older is eligible for vaccination.

Vaccine supplies and appointments are currently limited. Vaccination will be available to more people as the supply increases. Eventually, everyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get one.

Scheduling an appointment

Options for scheduling if you are eligible for vaccination:

- 1) **Call your doctor's office or healthcare provider** to see if they have vaccination appointments.
- 2) Use Washington State's **Vaccine Locator** (select language in top-right corner drop-down menu): [VaccineLocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov)
- 3) **Need help making a vaccination appointment over the phone?**
Call the King County COVID-19 Call Center any day between 8 AM – 7 PM at 206-477-3977. Interpreters are available – state the language you need when you are connected.

For more information about who can get vaccinated now and how to get vaccinated: kingcounty.gov/vaccine

TRANSPORTATION TO YOUR VACCINATION APPOINTMENT

- For assistance by phone, call the Coordinated Vaccine Transportation Helpline at **425-943-6706 Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Dial 5 for interpretation.** You can also leave a voicemail and get a call back.
- To request transportation for multiple people, please visit (English only): bit.ly/vaxride
- To learn about transportation options, including for seniors, people with disabilities, Medicaid recipients, and veterans visit: FindARide.org/COVID