

How Older Adults in King County can get the COVID-19 Vaccine

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Who is eligible?

All older adults in Washington state over the age of 65 are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. People 50 and older who live in multigenerational households are also eligible if they meet certain conditions. Due to limited supply of vaccine, not everyone will be able to access a vaccine right away. Access will improve as the supply increases and providers in King County receive more doses.

Where are vaccinations available now?

- **Long-Term Care Facilities**, residents of nursing homes, assisted living and some other long-term care facilities are receiving vaccine on-site through a national partnership with pharmacy chains.
- **Health Care Systems**, including doctors, hospitals, and community clinics, are the primary way that most of the older adults in King County will get vaccinated.
- **Mobile Vaccination Teams**, coordinated by Public Health and local Fire Departments are reaching highest risk older adults, including those residing in Adult Family Homes.
- **High Volume Vaccination Sites**, coordinated by Public Health, are reaching groups in south King County with higher rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19, including older adults and individuals who cannot live independently, and their caregiver.

Coming soon

Pharmacies: Just like getting a flu shot at your local pharmacy, many pharmacy chains – including grocery stores – will soon have the COVID-19 vaccine appointments available.

Pop-Up Clinics: Meal sites, senior centers and faith-based organizations are examples where pop-up clinics are being planned, as soon as doses are available.

In-Home Vaccination will be an option for homebound older adults: Authorized health care providers who provide in-home visits can provide these vaccinations.

How to schedule vaccinations

For now, both vaccine supply and appointments are limited. You may experience delays due to the very high volume of inquiries. This will get easier as providers receive more doses and high-volume vaccine sites open.

- **Option 1: Call your doctor's office or health care provider** to see if they have available vaccination appointments.
- **Option 2:** Washington State's **Phase Finder online tool** can confirm your eligibility and provide you with a list of possible vaccination locations.
www.FindYourPhaseWA.org
- **Option 3:** If you need language interpretation or can't use the online Phase Finder tool, call the Washington state's COVID-19 Assistance Hotline:
Dial 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-856-5816, then press #.
Available Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and [observed state holidays](#) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For language interpretation, state your preferred language when you are connected.
- **Option 4:** Washington State Department of Health's list of vaccination locations in Washington State, organized by county:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/VaccineLocations>
- **Option 5: Vaccination for elders in south King County:** People age 75 and older in King County have had much higher rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 than any other group, and they also have more challenges to getting vaccinated, such as transportation and online access. While vaccine supplies are very limited, King County is ensuring equitable access for elders who live in areas with the most COVID-19 cases.

We are starting high-volume vaccination sites with two locations in Auburn and Kent to vaccinate people 75 years and older, older adults who require home care, and their caregivers/home care givers. Additional groups will be able to schedule appointments at these sites as vaccine supply increases.

At this time, registration is open to **residents of south King County who are:**

- A caregiver or home care worker taking care of someone age 50 or older who cannot live independently. The caregiver or home care worker is eligible as a worker in a healthcare setting and does not need to be 50 or older. **OR**
- Age 75 and older **OR**
- Specific groups of people age 50 and older who are:

- **Unable to live independently** and receiving care from a caregiver, relative, in-home caregiver or someone who works outside the home.
- **Living with AND caring for kin** (examples include caring for a grandchild, niece or nephew. This does not include parents living with their child.)

Register for an appointment at: www.covidvaccine.kingcounty.gov.

Note: this registration is currently in English only. Call Washington state's COVID-19 Assistance Hotline at 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-856-5816, then press # for help with registration by phone. For language interpretation state your preferred language when you are connected.

Auburn General Services Administration Complex (Currently serving highest risk older adults and caregivers.)

2701 C St. SW Auburn, WA 98001

Access: By appointment only. Drive-through site. Follow the signs on arrival.

Kent accesso ShoWare Center (Currently serving highest risk older adults and caregivers.)

625 W James St, Kent, WA 98032

Access: By appointment only. Park, walk, roll, or arrive by transit and enter building.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit

www.kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine