

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

[Who is eligible to receive the vaccine?](#)

The state of Michigan has ordered a phased rollout of the vaccine. These phases are based on things like age, occupation, and level of risk for contracting COVID-19.

As of March 8, 2021, the following individuals were eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Michigan:

- Anyone 50 years or older with medical conditions or disabilities
- Caregiver family members and guardians who care for children with special health care needs.
- Essential workers identified by the state of Michigan that include first responders, staff and teachers in K-12 education, childcare workers, some frontline state and federal workers, jail/correctional facility workers, employees of shelters
- Health care workers and employees of health systems
- Those living and working in long-term care facilities
- Emergency medical responders

Beginning March 22, vaccine eligibility will expand to include all Michiganders aged 50 and older.

For the latest information on the phases of the vaccine rollout, visit the [State of Michigan website](#).

[Is there a time limit for me to get the vaccine?](#)

No. Once you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you may schedule your vaccination at any time, even if the State has moved to the next phase of eligibility

[Where is the vaccine available?](#)

Health systems and public health departments across Michigan are working to create specific sites to administer the vaccine. We expect that list of sites to grow in the coming days and weeks and to be posted on the health system and public health department websites (see list above).

A list of vaccine locations is also posted on the [State of Michigan website](#).

To receive a vaccine, you must schedule an appointment. This will minimize wait times.

[How do I schedule a vaccine appointment?](#)

To receive a vaccine, you must schedule an appointment. Many health systems are scheduling appointments online via their electronic record scheduler. Visit the website of your local health system or health department to see how they are scheduling appointments (see list above).

[Should I expect delays in scheduling my vaccine appointment?](#)

There may be delays in scheduling due to the number of people wanting an appointment and the availability of clinical staff to administer the vaccine. We expect the list of vaccine locations to grow in the coming days and weeks, which will make it easier for you to schedule an appointment close to home. Please know that shipments of the vaccine are coming on a regular basis and there will be enough for everyone who wants it (within each phase of the state of Michigan's order).

[Is there a cost to receive the vaccine?](#)

There is **no** cost to you to receive the vaccine. You will be asked to show your insurance card, but you will not be billed any copays or other costs for the COVID-19 vaccine.

[Why is the COVID-19 vaccine important?](#)

The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool in combatting the coronavirus, and stopping this pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. Getting vaccinated not only protects you, but it may also protect the people around you, particularly those at increased risk for severe illness related to COVID-19. If you have questions related to a specific health condition, contact your primary care physician.

For more information on the benefits of the vaccine and how it can stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the [CDC website](#) or [State of Michigan website](#).