

COVID-19 vaccines for OHP members



What you need to know

- Vaccines prevent disease and keep you safe.
- COVID-19 vaccines are free for everyone.
- Don't stop safe habits. It will take time to get vaccines to everyone.
- Oregon gets a limited supply when a new vaccine is first approved.
- People with a higher risk for COVID-19 will be first to get the vaccine.
- People with lower risks will get a vaccine as we get more doses.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) vaccines are on the way.

The first COVID-19 vaccines are being approved and shared in the United States. Vaccines prevent disease and keep you safe. Vaccines help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community.

Oregon gets a limited supply when a new vaccine is first approved.

When vaccines for COVID-19 are approved, each state gets a limited supply of doses. That's why Oregon is offering vaccines to people with the highest risk of getting COVID-19 first.

People with a higher risk will be offered a vaccine first.

People who are most affected by the COVID-19 virus will get the first vaccines. In Oregon, that will be front-line health care workers and first responders who are exposed to the virus in their work, and people who live and work in long-term nursing homes.

It will take time to get vaccines to everyone.

Over time, more doses of vaccines will be made and shared with our state. People with lower risks will be offered a vaccine when we get more doses.

Oregon is bringing together public health, health care, and community groups to create a plan to share vaccines. [Learn more about Oregon's vaccine plan.](#)

You can get this in another language, large print, or another way that is best for you. Call 800-273-0557 (TTY 711).

Staying safe is important. Don't stop your good safety habits.

Vaccination gives us hope that the pandemic will end, but in the meantime, we need to continue safety measures to keep the virus from spreading:

- Wear a mask
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Wash your hands
- Avoid gatherings
- Stay home when you're sick

Questions and answers

Who gets a vaccine first?

COVID-19 vaccines for Oregonians		
1 First group	2 Second group	3 Third group
Who: Direct care workers who are exposed to the virus at work, and people who live and work in long-term care Examples: Paramedics, nurses, hospital custodians	Who: Those who work with the public and perform a vital service. Examples: Teachers, food handlers, bus drivers	Who: Those at higher risk. Examples: People with chronic diseases, people over 65.
Where to get a vaccine: At work, long-term care facilities	Where to get a vaccine: At work, doctor's offices, community events, public health sites, mobile clinics, pharmacies	Where to get a vaccine: Doctor's offices, clinics, pharmacies, public health sites
Cost: Free	Cost: Free	Cost: Free

After these three groups get a vaccine, it will be given to everyone else.

What do I do if I'm a direct care worker or at higher risk?

Contact your health care provider or local public health department.

What will a COVID-19 vaccine cost?

COVID-19 vaccines are free for everyone. Some providers may charge an appointment fee.

Should I get a vaccine if I already had COVID-19?

You may get a vaccination even if you already had COVID-19.

Do I have to use Oregon Health Plan or CAWEM to get a vaccine?

No, vaccines will be given to everyone at no cost. You do not need OHP, CAWEM or other health insurance.

What is a vaccine?

Vaccines are medicine that help your immune system fight infections better and faster.

Are vaccines safe?

COVID-19 vaccines are 95% effective. The vaccines are tested carefully for safety.

Is Oregon taking extra steps to make sure vaccine is safe?

Yes, Oregon is a part of the [COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#). This gives the state an extra layer of protection to make sure COVID vaccines meet the highest standards for safety before they're given to Oregonians.

How do I learn more about vaccines in Oregon?

You can learn more and get updates at [Oregon's COVID-19 vaccine page](#).

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