

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Western PA Seniors

Compiled by Facebook Group **Getting Pittsburgh Vaccinated**

Email us at pittsburghvaccine@gmail.com for help scheduling.

Visit www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine for current eligibility. All 65+ qualify.

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PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources

Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents ages 65 and older.

PACE/PACENET is assisting people over 60 with vaccine registration. They do NOT have to be members of the PACE program. For more information, call **1-800-225-7223**.

For PACE members, the number for vaccine appointments is **1-800-753-8827**. Operators will also be working with cardholders to arrange for transportation to vaccination sites; they're also working with PACE's pharmacy network members to vaccinate at a cardholder's residence, if necessary.

Area Agency on Aging - PA Department of Aging

Your county AAA may put you into contact with the programs and services you need. Some county locations may help you secure COVID-19 vaccine appointments. ***Some locations do not have the ability to schedule.

Allegheny County: 412-350-4234

Indiana County: 724-349-4500

Armstrong County: 724-548-3290

Lawrence County: 724-658-3729

Beaver County: 724-847-2262

Mercer County: 724-662-6222

Butler County: 724-282-3008

Washington County: 724-489-8080

Fayette County: 724-489-8080

Westmoreland: 724-830-4444

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Allegheny Health Network

Locations: Many across area

Link to Schedule:

www.ahn.org/coronavirus

Phone Number: 412-362-8677

*Call in the mornings around 7 AM to ask about available appointments.

****Select PCPs in the AHN network may be able to schedule directly for their patients.*

UPMC

Locations: Many across area

Link to Sign Up for Waiting List:

<https://vaccine.upmc.com>

Phone Numbers: Call **844-876-2822** or **833-851-5190** between 7 AM and 7 PM, 7 days a week.

****Depending on who you get on the line, they may add you to the waitlist or schedule you for an appointment directly. Call back later if they don't schedule you at that time.*

Allegheny County Health Department

Locations: Many across area

Phone Number: Dial **2-1-1** to see if appointments are available.

****Only for people 65+ and those ages 50 to 64 with qualifying underlying conditions.*

Walmart Pharmacy

Link to Schedule:

<https://www.walmart.com/cp/flu-shots-immunizations/1228302>

***Walmart has “no waste” lists at its stores. Call these stores to ask how you can get on one. You should be able to arrive at the store in less than 30 minutes if they call you.

Current locations:

- **Monaca** - 15061 (Pfizer)
724-773-2929
- **West Mifflin** - 15122 (Pfizer)
412-655-3404
- **Robinson** - 15275 (Pfizer)
412-788-9079
- **Beaver Falls** - 15010 (Pfizer)
724-843-1100
- **Moon Twp.** - 15108 (Pfizer)
412-893-0143
- **Carnegie** - 15106 (Pfizer)
412-429-1285
- **Greensburg** - 15601 (J&J)
724-830-2440
- **Latrobe** - 15650 (J&J)
724-537-0928
- **N. Huntingdon** - 15642 (J&J)
724-382-3160

Walmart is also hosting clinics across the state at various locations. Call **1-800-753-8827** from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday-Friday to check availability in your area. Actual appointment dates/times unknown.

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Rite Aid

Locations: Many across area

Link to Schedule:

www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/

Covid-qualifier

****Appointments go live at midnight.*

Phone Number: For Pennsylvania senior citizens only, Rite-Aid has launched COVID scheduling at 568 Caste Village Rd in Pittsburgh (Whitehall). Call **1-866-674-4659** and go through the prompts x2 x1 x1 x1. This service is for next-day scheduling only (when available).

CVS Pharmacy

Locations: Many across area

Link to Schedule: Go to CVS.com and click on "Check vaccine availability."

****Appointments go live at midnight or 5 AM.*

Integrated Health 21

Location:

2403 Sidney Street

Entrance off 24th Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

(This is in the Southside)

Link to Schedule:

integratedhealth21.com/covid19

Phone Number: Call 412-481-1644, Option 1 from Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

Butler Health System

Locations:

Butler Memorial Hospital

1 Hospital Way

Butler, PA 16001

AND

Clarion Hospital

22677 PA-68

Clarion, PA 16214

Link to Schedule:

www.butlerhealthsystem.org/CoronaVirus/COVID19-Vaccine-Scheduling

Phone Number (Butler): Call the Butler County Center for Community Resources at 885-550-7468 Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Phone Number (Clarion): Clarion Hospital is collaborating with Clarion County Government officials. Please call 814-297-7820.

Heritage Valley

Location:

Community College Beaver County

Dome 1 Campus Drive

Monaca, PA 15061

AND

Staples Building

6521 Steubenville Pike

Robinson Township, PA 15205

Link to Sign Up for Waiting List:

cms.hvhs.org/carelink/

Phone Number: Call 412-777-6280 to schedule from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

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Armstrong County Medical Hospital

Locations:

>> First Doses

Health and Wellness
Education Pavilion
79 Glade Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201

>> Second Doses

Richard G. Snyder YMCA
1150 North Water Street
Kittanning, PA 16201

Link to Schedule:

www.acmh.org/covid-19-vaccine

Phone Number: 724-543-8222

Excelsa Health

Location:

Excelsa Health Vaccine Center
8885 Norwin Avenue
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Link to Schedule:

www.excelahealth.org/Home/Coronavirus-Information/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information

Phone Number: Call 724-689-1690 between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday-Friday to schedule an appointment. A maximum of two appointments may be made on one call. *Note: This phone line WILL NOT ACCEPT MESSAGES or make return calls.*

Primary Care Health Services

COVID-19 Vaccines are being administered by appointment only through Primary Care Health Services. There are clinics in several Pittsburgh locations. Contact the location closest to your senior (65+ years of age) to schedule an appointment. The online registration site is forthcoming.

Braddock: 412-351-6400

East End: 412-404-4000

Hazelwood: 412-422-9520

Hill District: 412-261-0937

Homewood: 412-244-4730

McKeesport: 412-664-4112

West End: 412-921-7200

Wilksburg: 412-247-5216

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Community Health Centers

The federal government plans to ship a million doses to these centers. These are the Federally Qualified Health Centers in Pittsburgh:

East Liberty Family Health Center – East Liberty: 412-661-2802

Northside Christian Health Center – Northside: 412-321-4001

Alma Illery – PCHS – Homewood: 412-244-2981

Matilda H. Theiss Health Center – Hill District: 412-383-1550

Squirrel Hill Health Center – Squirrel Hill: 412-422-7442

Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center – Southside: 412-697-3260

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Information for Veterans

Veterans of ANY AGE who meet all other eligibility criteria can now contact their VA Pittsburgh provider to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. They also provide the vaccine to eligible Veterans on a walk-in basis from 7 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) at their University Drive campus.

Eligible Veterans:

- Are any age, AND
- Are eligible and registered for VHA care, AND
- Receive their VHA care at VAPHS or any of our outpatient clinics in Belmont County, Ohio, and Beaver, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties in Pennsylvania, AND
- Have NOT had any vaccinations in the 14 days prior to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

You can contact your VA Pittsburgh provider by secure message via myhealth.va.gov.

For all the details, please see

<https://www.va.gov/pittsburgh-health-care/covid-19-vaccines/>

Veterans who are not yet enrolled in VA health care can apply or check their eligibility by:

- Calling VA toll-free at **877-222-8387**, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM.
- Applying online at <http://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply>
- Downloading VA Form 10-10EZ at <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10EZ-fillable.pdf> and mailing it and a copy of your DD214 to VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Attn: Patient Registration, University Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15240.

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Transportation Services

Free PAT Bus, Mon Incline and T Rides

If you are able to ride public transportation, you can do it for free. You must have a PAT free bus pass OR a PAT CONNECT card.

Older Persons Transportation (OPT)

Visit a senior center to sign up or call **412-350-5460**.

Persons 60 through 64 years need a prior authorization from the Area Agency on Aging

Limits on locations and usage/Riders pay a fare

2-1-1 United Way

United Way offers free Lyft rides to Allegheny County residents who need to access a medical appointment (vaccine appointments count). Just dial 2-1-1 on your phone and ask for a free Lyft ride to your vaccine appointment.

ACCESS 65 Plus

ACCESS is a door-to-door, advance reservation, shared-ride transportation program provided throughout Allegheny County and to destinations in adjoining counties within 1.5 miles of Allegheny County. ACCESS service is open to the general public at full fare rates, with some discounts for individual riders.

Reservations for ACCESS trips can be made in advance. To place trip reservations, call the service phone number in your neighborhood:

AirStar (West Mifflin) - (412)
381-7230

S & S Transit (North Versailles) -
(412) 829-7627

First Transit Bethel (Bethel Park) -
(412) 833-8200

First Transit Monroeville
(Monroeville) - (412) 793-6200

**Northern Area Multi-Service
Center**

(Allison Park/Sharpsburg) - (412)
781-6774

p.r.n. Paratransit Service (East
Pittsburgh) - (888) 634-8773

p.r.n. West - 412-349-0139

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I schedule my second dose?

Nearly all vaccination providers will schedule your second dose at the time of your first dose or provide instructions on how your second dose will be scheduled.

Which vaccine will I receive? Are all vaccines two doses?

Two of the three currently authorized vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in the United States require 2 shots to get the most protection.

Pfizer-BioNTech doses should be given 3 weeks (21 days) apart.

Moderna doses should be given 1 month (28 days) apart.

Johnson & Johnson EUA is a one-dose vaccine.

Which vaccine you receive is dependent upon the supply given to the provider of your vaccine. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are very similar and have a nearly 95% efficacy rate when given in the recommended two doses. J&J has a lower efficacy but is considered highly effective at preventing severe disease.

Do I have to pay for the vaccine?

Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost. However, vaccination providers can charge an administration fee for giving someone the shot. Vaccination providers can be reimbursed for this by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund. No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee.

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What should I bring to my appointment?

Most locations require you to bring an ID and insurance or Medicare card. If you are given a confirmation number over the phone, also have this written down to bring with you just in case.

What side effects can I expect after the vaccine?

The most common adverse effects reported are arm soreness and fatigue with the first vaccine; both companies report more symptoms with the second vaccine specifically listing fevers, chills, tiredness, headache and arm soreness. Both Moderna and Pfizer's websites have more extensive lists of adverse effects, and all vaccine side effects are to be reported to VAERS (Vaccine adverse event reporting system). Any specific questions that you might have specific to your health history or allergy history should be discussed with your physician.

Is there a risk of an allergic reaction to the vaccine?

Serious problems from vaccination can happen, but they are extremely rare. The CDC is aware that some people have experienced severe allergic reactions — also known as anaphylaxis — after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Most of these reactions occur within the first 15 minutes of the vaccine administration and thus it is suggested that all patients stay for 15 minutes of observation after the vaccine is administered. As an example, an allergic reaction is considered severe when a person needs to be treated with epinephrine or EpiPen or if they must go to the hospital.

I already had COVID-19 and recovered. Do I still need to get the vaccine?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection. If you were treated for COVID-19 symptoms with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

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