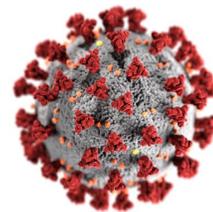


# Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine



Schuyler County Public Health encourages you to get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible – getting the vaccine will help keep you, your family, and our community safe and help us all return to normal sooner.

## Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

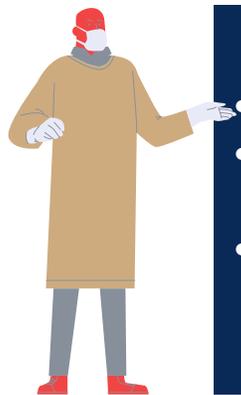
The Public Health and Medical communities are confident that these vaccines are safe and effective. While the process to develop these vaccines may seem fast, they were built on years of thorough research and work addressing other types of coronaviruses. All the typical steps and safety measures were followed during its development and every study, every phase, and every trial was reviewed by the FDA and safety boards of medical experts. The speed of development was due to the sharing of research and massive collaboration on a scale never attempted before.

## How soon after getting vaccinated am I protected from COVID-19?

The COVID-19 vaccine, like all vaccines, does not instantly provide protection. It takes time for your immune system to respond to the vaccine and develop disease-fighting antibodies. The two COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the US require two doses, about a month apart, for you to be protected from COVID-19.

## Will getting vaccinated help keep me from getting sick with COVID-19?

Yes - the two vaccines currently available have been shown to be very effective at preventing sickness with COVID-19. Two doses are needed.



### Moderna

- 2 doses are needed
- 2nd dose is 28 days after 1st
- About 95% effective starting 14 days after 2nd dose

### Pfizer

- 2 doses are needed
- 2nd dose is 21 days after 1st
- About 95% effective starting 7 days after 2nd dose

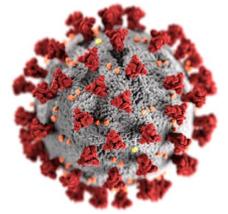
## What should I expect after I get vaccinated?

Like with all vaccines and other medications, there is a chance you might experience some symptoms after you get it. There is a possibility you may feel fatigue or muscle soreness at the injection site – you could even have a fever. These are signs that the vaccine is working, and your immune system is responding to the vaccine and learning how to fight off the virus. Mild pain relievers should help you feel better. If you don't feel better within two or three days, you should follow-up with your doctor.



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## How can I find out if I am eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine in NYS?

New York State is determining when different groups of people can be vaccinated based on things like age, occupation, and underlying medical conditions. Individuals who are currently on isolation or quarantine are not eligible to be vaccinated. Please note: NYS may update the phases and who is included in each at any time. Stay tuned to the NYS website, local news, and our website and social media for updates. You can also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

## Do I have to have an appointment to get vaccinated?

Yes – registration is currently required to receive the vaccine at any location in NYS. If someone shows up without an appointment, they will not be vaccinated.



## How can I make an appointment to get vaccinated?

Appointments through most vaccination locations are currently limited due to vaccine supply. Depending on supply, vaccine may be available through local health department clinics, pharmacies, hospitals, doctor's offices, and State-run vaccine sites. For most locations, appointments need to be made online. Visit our COVID-19 Vaccine Information page for more information. Please note, pharmacies are currently only able to vaccinate individuals 65 and older.

## What if I don't have internet access?

If you are currently eligible to get vaccinated and do not have internet access, please try checking with family or friends for assistance. If you are currently eligible to get the vaccine, are a Schuyler County resident, are over the age of 60, AND do not have internet access, you can call Office for the Aging at 607-535-7108 for assistance in getting added to a pharmacy wait list. Once on the wait list, the pharmacy will call you when your name comes up in order on the list and will schedule you for the vaccine. You could also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) to make an appointment to attend a State-run vaccine site.

## What do I need to bring to my appointment?

- Bring proof of eligibility.
- Bring your drivers license or other valid ID.
- Wear a short-sleeve shirt if possible, or something with easy access to the upper arm.
- Wear a face mask/covering that covers your nose and mouth.
- Your health insurance card, if available. Please note - the vaccine is provided at no cost to you.

For more information including clinic registration links (when available), pharmacy information, FAQs, and more: [schuylercounty.us/publichealth](https://schuylercounty.us/publichealth)

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