## **COVID-19 Vaccines and Availability**

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As eligibility requirements continue to change and as more vaccine becomes available, many people are searching for where to make an appointment to receive that vaccination. Many are wondering based upon their age and any underlying health conditions when they will be able to receive a vaccine. Based on the State of Minnesota this is the best guide to answer those questions.

## https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/whos-getting-vaccinated/vaccinated.jsp

To maximize your options and to know when and where you can make an appointment to get a vaccination, you should make sure that you have an online account with your primary care system.

Your primary care provider is the best source of information for vaccine availability and scheduling. Your care system will email you when you are eligible to get the vaccine. If you don't have an online account with your primary care system, you can contact your clinic to ask about how to enroll and to receive an activation code if required.

If you don't yet meet the eligibility requirements according to your clinic's current COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan, you can visit the state of Minnesota's COVID -19 Community Vaccination Program website <a href="https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/">https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/</a> to enroll for other vaccination opportunities that may be available.

If you are a patient of the Pipe Trades Services MN Family Health & Wellness Centers, it is advised that you reach out to HealthPartners and create an online account or use the state of Minnesota's COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program website <a href="https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/">https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/</a>. Unfortunately Pipe Trades Services MN Family Health & Wellness Centers will not have access to the vaccine for many months to come based on the size of the organization and the demands at larger medical systems in the area for the vaccine.

The vaccine is fully covered by insurance – you won't pay anything if you have current coverage.

Additionally here are some links and information related to care networks throughout the state of Minnesota:

<u>HealthPartners</u> is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older, as well as continuing to vaccinate frontline health care workers and other Phase 1a groups. Seniors are being randomly selected and notified directly when they are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Someone is considered a patient if they have been seen by a HealthPartners clinician in the last 36 months. They are encouraged on the website to log in or create an account to verify contact information.

https://www.healthpartners.com/covid-19/vaccine-faqs/

<u>M Health Fairview</u> is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older, as well as continuing to vaccinate frontline health care workers and other Phase 1a groups. Patients are encouraged to sign up for a "MyChart" account on the M Health Fairview website, and if eligible, can book an available appointment. Those who are not current patients, but are still eligible for the vaccine, can still create a MyChart account and see available appointments.

https://mhealthfairview.org/covid19/covid19-vaccine/vaccine-criteria

<u>Allina Health</u> is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older. Any patient they've seen in the last five years is in their system, and Allina is directly calling or emailing them in a random order before expanding to the 65 and older group. To make sure your contact information is up to date, you can check your Allina online account.

https://www.allinahealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccines

<u>Hennepin Healthcare</u> is vaccinating patients 65 and older who have been seen in their clinic. Patients are encouraged to set up a "MyChart" account or call 612-873-5600 so that they can be messaged when an appointment is available for them.

https://www.hennepinhealthcare.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/

<u>Mayo Clinic</u> is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older who live in the greater Rochester area. They are also helping Olmsted County Public Health vaccinate non-Mayo patients in that age range who live in the area. Next week, Mayo Clinic will begin vaccinating patients 75 and older. They are reaching out to patients via Patient Online Services and on the phone. Patients can sign up for an online account or log in to double-check contact info. Mayo Clinic will soon create an online form for community patients to register.

https://onlineservices.mayoclinic.org/content/staticpatient/showpage/patientonline

## **Olmsted Medical Center**

https://www.olmmed.org/covid-19-information/

North Memorial Health is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older through a random selection process. Invitations to schedule an appointment are going to patients through emails, text messages and phone calls then scheduled on a first-come basis. Their latest vaccine information is available here. https://northmemorial.com/covid19-vaccine-schedule/

<u>Sanford Health</u> is vaccinating people 65 and older. They encourage patients to sign up for My Sanford Chart and make sure their contact information is current, and they also are attempting to reach out to any patient seen within the last three years via phone, email or a letter. Non-patients can also fill out a contact form on their website to sign up to be notified when a vaccine is available.

https://www.mysanfordchart.org/mychart/Authentication/Login?https://vaccineregister.sanfordhealth.org/register

<u>CentraCare</u> is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older, as well as those in Phase 1a. Targeted groups are contacted through MyChart messages, direct phone calls and other means of direct communication. Due to the limited availability of the vaccine, they are currently not scheduling any new appointments but will contact patients when more vaccine is available.

<u>Essentia Health</u> in Minnesota is giving vaccines to patients 65 and older, high risk health care workers, and long-term care residents. They are directly calling patients or notifying them via MyChart. Essentia is finalizing a plan to offer vaccines to non-patients who live within their service areas soon.

<u>Children's Minnesota</u> is finishing vaccinating Phase 1a health care professionals, as well as beginning to vaccinate family members of employees that are 65 and older. Children's vaccine clinics will be appointment-only for those they reach out to directly.

<u>St. Luke's</u> is now giving vaccines to patients 65 and older, who can schedule their appointment online with their myCare patient porta account. This option will soon be available to non-St. Luke's patients 65+. In addition, St. Luke's is proactively calling patients in that age group who are considered highest risk. St. Luke's will continue to provide daily updates on its website.

https://www.slhduluth.com/patients-visitors/mycare/

https://www.slhduluth.com/patients-visitors/patient-resources/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-at-st-luke-s/