

Important Information about COVID-19 Vaccines for New Yorkers – NYC Health

COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) have been approved for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In clinical studies, both vaccines were more than 94% effective at protecting participants from COVID-19. It will likely be available for most New Yorkers by mid-2021. Front line worker will get it sooner. Vaccine teaches our body's immune system how to fight the virus if you are exposed to it. We should take vaccine to protect ourselves, our family and friends.



- All New Yorkers age 16 and older will have access to a vaccine once it is more widely available. We have already started vaccinating people at increased risk, such as health care workers.
- The vaccine is free for everyone. If you have insurance, it may be billed but you will not be charged a copy or other fee.
- You do not need to share your immigration status to be vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is not a public benefit under the public charge rule.
- When you receive the vaccine, your privacy will be protected. There are strict laws in place to ensure confidentiality of your personal information.
- When the vaccine is more readily available, you will be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine where you normally get vaccines, such as at your health care provider's office, pharmacies, clinics and urgent care centers. Additional community vaccination sites will be set up throughout the city.
- It is possible to get COVID-19 again if you already got it previously, so you should be vaccinated. Also, the vaccine is safe and may boost the protection your body has already built up. However, if you tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days, consider waiting to get the vaccine, since it is very unlikely that you will get COVID-19 again during this time.
- To find a location to register for Covid-19 vaccine [Use this link](https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/) <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>

Note: CDC (Centers of Disease Control and Prevention) safety guidelines should be followed after vaccination

- Stay home if you are sick, have COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from people who are not members of your household.
- Wear a face covering (over your mouth and nose) when outside your home.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or clean with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.