

Colorado Hospitals Offer Tips for People Seeking the COVID-19 Vaccine



Colorado hospitals and health systems continue to work tirelessly to treat COVID-19 patients while also vaccinating Coloradans in phases according to the state's [COVID-19 vaccine plan](#). Hospitals are working collaboratively with the state and other partners to ensure all available vaccine doses are given as efficiently as possible.

Colorado hospitals encourage the public to consider these “dos and don’ts” to access COVID-19 vaccines:

DO:



Do your research. Go online and check your doctor, local hospital, local pharmacy or [local public health department's](#) website and/or social media for vaccine availability information.



Be patient. Know that vaccines are only available in limited quantities and for certain populations; beginning March 5, Colorado will begin vaccinating individuals that fall under [Phase 1B.3](#) in addition to previously eligible populations.

Phase 1A

Highest-risk health care workers, long-term care facility staff and residents

Phase 1B.1

Coloradans age 70+, moderate-risk health care workers, first responders

Phase 1B.2

Coloradans age 65-69, pre-K-12 educators, childcare workers, continuity of state government

Phase 1B.3

Coloradans age 60+, essential grocery and agriculture workers, Coloradans age 16-59 with two or more high-risk conditions



Check your eligibility. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) [COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#) includes a breakdown of eligible populations in each phase of the vaccine distribution plan.

- Some eligible populations may be able to receive a vaccine through their employers – check with your employer to see if they have a vaccine protocol in place.



Understand that vaccine availability will vary by region. Some areas of Colorado may be working through different phases of vaccine rollout than others.



Follow the advice of your health care provider regarding vaccine appointments. Some manufacturers' vaccines require two doses (Pfizer and Moderna), and some require one dose (Johnson & Johnson) – check with your provider to determine what kind of vaccine you are getting and if you will need a second appointment.

DON'T



Assume your local provider has vaccine doses available or that you can be vaccinated right away. While vaccine supply is increasing, it is still somewhat unpredictable from week to week.



Show up unannounced. Please do not visit your health care provider's office looking for a vaccine or vaccine information without an appointment.



Prioritize one manufacturer's vaccine over another. The right vaccine to get is the first one made available to you.

Availability of the COVID-19 vaccine is still limited for the public at this time. In the meantime, it's critical to remember that the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is to stay at home whenever possible, wear a mask when in public, maintain proper social distancing and wash your hands frequently.

For more information, visit the [CDPHE COVID-19 vaccine information webpage](#) or call COHELP at **303-389-1687** or **877-462-2911**.



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