

## COVID-19 vaccine has arrived in Indiana



The vaccination of Hoosiers against COVID-19 has begun.

Any Indiana resident age 50 and older is now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment, as are long-term care residents, first responders (firefighters, police officers and sheriff's deputies, emergency medical services, reservists and correctional officers) who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to give medical aid, and licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers who have in-person contact with patients or infectious material in any healthcare setting.

Hoosiers age 50 and older can schedule a vaccination at the link in the red bar above or by calling 211 if they do not have access to a computer or need assistance registering. Eligible professionals must also live in Indiana and should have received an invitation and registration link from their employer, professional association, or the State of Indiana (Indiana Department of Health, Professional Licensing Agency, Family & Social Services

Administration, Department of Homeland Security, or another state agency). If you are eligible and haven't received an invitation, please ask your employer.

Indiana is using an age-based strategy for vaccine eligibility to have the greatest impact on preventing hospitalizations and death from COVID-19. Please be patient, as vaccine supply is limited. Additional groups will be eligible as soon as vaccine supplies permit.

### **Who is eligible to receive vaccine?**

If you are an Indiana resident and answer yes to any of these questions, you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

- **Are you age 50 or older?**
- **Do you work or volunteer in healthcare and have (physical or close) contact or face to face interactions with patients?** Examples include:
  - Inpatient, outpatient, provider office setting, nursing homes, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, in-home services
  - This includes all clinical and non-clinical positions: clinicians, dietary, environmental services, administrators who have direct contact with patients, clergy who see patients in the healthcare setting, non-clinicians who assist in procedures, transportation staff, etc.

- This also includes local health department staff who interact with patients at test sites, health clinics or provide direct patient care
- **Do you have exposure to COVID-19 infectious material?** (Examples include cleaning of rooms or material from COVID-19 patients, performing COVID-19 testing, other exposure to infected tissue, performing autopsies or other post-mortem examinations of COVID-19 patients)
- **Are you a first responder** (firefighter, police officer and sheriff's deputy, emergency medical services, reservist and correctional officer) **who is regularly called to the scene of an emergency to give medical aid?**

Initial groups of patients at highest risk of severe illness from COVID-19 who are identified by their healthcare provider are also eligible. These individuals will receive a unique registration link by text or email, or may call 211 **after** receiving the notification:

- Active dialysis patients
- Sickle cell disease patients
- Down syndrome
- Post-solid organ transplant

- People who are actively in treatment (chemotherapy, radiation, surgery) for cancer now or in the last three months, or with active primary lung cancer or active hematologic cancers (lymphoma, leukemia and multiple myeloma)

Please contact your healthcare provider if you think you are eligible but haven't yet received notification