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COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS GUIDE CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is a smart choice to protect yourself, protect those you love, and help our community move forward.

SAFETY & EFFECTIVENESS

Vaccinations have saved hundreds of millions of lives over the last century. The COVID-19 vaccines are lifesaving developments.

There are three COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States. All three went through numerous trials and tests to ensure safety before being offered to adults. Data from clinical trials of the vaccines suggest:

- Pfizer: 95% efficacy rate
- Moderna: 94.5% efficacy rate
- Janssen: 85% efficacy rate (for preventing severe disease)

The different types of vaccines should not be compared to each other, as they were not studied in head-to-head comparisons or trials. Please get whichever vaccine is first available to you. For most people, getting a COVID vaccine is far less dangerous than catching COVID-19.

ELIGIBILITY

In Missouri, many people are able to get a COVID-19 vaccine at this time, including people over age 65, although there are still some limitations. However, starting **April 9**, everyone age 16 and over will be able to get vaccinated when a dose is available for them.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Once you are eligible, the next step is to make an appointment to get your vaccine. See a full list of places you can get vaccinated at clayhealth.com/covidvax - click [Where to Get Vaccinated](#). Some ways you might be able to get an appointment are:

- **Operation Safe** - get on the list for an appointment at this clinic in North Kansas City by filling out the form at operation-safe.com/signup.
- **State of Missouri** - sign up for the Missouri Navigator at covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator to learn about events in your area.
- **Local Health Department** - Clay County is currently offering some appointments at our location in Liberty, using the Operation Safe list (operation-safe.com/signup). If you live in KC, call 311 or visit their health department's [website](#).
- **Local Pharmacy** - Your town's Walmart, Hy-Vee, SunFresh, Walgreens, CVS or other pharmacy may offer vaccination appointments.
- **Your Doctor, Local Hospital or Urgent Care**
- **Your Employer**

THE COVID VACCINE IS FREE

The COVID-19 vaccines are always free. At your appointment, you may be asked to provide proof of insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, if you have any of those. If you don't, that's okay - it should still be free to you.

WHERE TO LEARN MORE

Make sure you are only getting information about COVID vaccines from reliable, trustworthy sources. Watch out for scams and misinformation. Here are some of the best places to get reliable information.

clayhealth.com/covidvaccine

MOStopsCOVID.com

cdc.gov/covid19

oneforallmo.com/vaccines



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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Everyone deserves protection against COVID-19 - no matter their age, ability, identity, income level, native language, residency status or ability to access things like transportation or internet.

GET ASSISTANCE

Need help getting to your vaccine appointment? Multiple options for anyone can be found at covidvaccine.mo.gov/ride.

[Clay County Senior Services](#) offers a free ambulatory or wheelchair round-trip ride to get a COVID-19 vaccine, as space allows. You must be 60+, live independently and reside in Clay County. Rides are available 5am – 5pm, Monday-Saturday and must be scheduled by 2pm the prior business day by calling 913-262-8600.

Seniors (60+) can also call our local [Area Agency on Aging](#) for help registering for an appointment or coordinating transportation. Lift ramps are available to individuals requiring the use of mobility devices. Call 1-800-593-7948 or 816-421-4980. Some limitations may apply due to eligibility and funding.

Clay County Public Health Center is also working with Heart to Heart International to offer vaccine clinics in multiple locations around the county, with the aim of reducing barriers like transportation, technology or language that can prevent people from being able to get vaccinated.

OFFER ASSISTANCE

You may also be able to help. Check with your loved ones or community members, especially older ones or ones that may not have internet access, to see if you can help them make or even get to an appointment.

QUICK TIPS

Keep the following things in mind to make the vaccination process as easy and quick as possible.

DO:

- Look into more than one vaccination location. Find a list of multiple options at clayhealth.com/covidvax and click **Where to Get Vaccinated**.
- Help family or friends who aren't great with technology to fill out interest or appointment forms.
- Check your "junk mail" for emails you might receive from vaccinators you've signed up with.
- Double check your appointment date and time to ensure you arrive at the correct time.
- Have your appointment confirmation handy when you arrive, if you are given one by your vaccinator.
- Dress for the weather but also wear something that allows you to expose your upper arm.
- Commit to attending your second dose appointment if you receive Moderna or Pfizer.
- Respect others who may not have gotten vaccinated yet and continue to wear a mask and physical distance when in public at this time.

DON'T:

- Don't provide an email address you do not check often.
- Don't forward your registration email or links to friends - it is usually just for you!
- Don't arrive more than 15-20 minutes early to your appointment – this can slow down the process.
- Don't show up to a clinic without an appointment, unless they have specifically said you can walk-up.
- Don't spread misinformation.
- Don't delay. Get vaccinated as soon as you can so our community can get back to normal faster.