## TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SERVICES

# **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Vaccine and Testing Sites**

## **COVID-19 Vaccine**

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to seniors 65 years of age and over in Leon County. To get the vaccine from the Health Department, you can register here <u>tinyurl.com/ycxwjxl4</u>. Once registration is complete you will receive a call from the Leon County Health Department to schedule your appointment.

You can also check with your own physician to see if they are offering the vaccine. Remember that the vaccines require a second dose, so plan accordingly.

Many individuals 65 years of age and over have submitted Request Forms. As you await your call and before you arrive for your vaccination, please download, print, and complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form, at the following link on our home page: <a href="leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html">leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html</a>. This is preferred but not required. Filling out this form before you arrive will save time for you and for other recipients. Additionally, walking up to receive the vaccine is not currently an option. All vaccine recipients will need to remain in their vehicle for the entire process.

The COVID-19 Vaccine currently being offered to Leon County residents age 65 and older is the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is administered in 2 doses, 1 month apart. If you are not comfortable filling out the online registration form, please call the Leon County Health Department COVID-19 Hotline at 850-404-6300 option 1 or 850-404-6399. If you have already completed this form, there is no need to re-submit or call the hotline. For questions or concerns about the Moderna vaccine visit fda.gov/media/144638/download. Additional information can be found on the Mayo Clinic's website here, and by visiting cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/why-get-vaccinated.pdf. Some frequently asked questions addressed by the Leon County Health Department can be found below:

#### How will I know that my Request Form has been received?

Once the Request Form is submitted, you will receive an automated confirmation on your screen. This means you have been placed on a list to be called for an appointment. You will not however, receive a confirmation email.

## Does the Request Form guarantee a COVID-19 vaccination appointment?

A submitted Request Form confirms you are in our system to be contacted for an appointment.

## When will the Department of Health contact me?

Calls for appointments are being made in the order Request Forms are received. Expect a delay due to the number of Request Forms we have received.

#### Where is the site for the health department's vaccination clinic?

Leon County Health Department 2965 Municipal Way Tallahassee, FL 32304

There will be signs, traffic control and people to guide you through the drive-through process at your appointment time.

## Will I have to leave my vehicle to receive my vaccination?

You will remain in your vehicle while being screened and vaccinated. Expect the process from the moment you enter the site to exiting the process to take 30-40 minutes.

#### How will I know when it's time for me to receive the second dose of vaccine?

When you receive your first appointment, your second dose appointment will be given at the same time. Maximum protection is achieved after the second dose of the same brand.

There is a chance you might not have been given a second appointment or you may have forgotten the date. If this is the case, please email **LeonCHD.Feed-back@flhealth.gov** type Second Dose in the Subject Line. In the body of the email, put your name, date of first dose and brand of the vaccine. You will be emailed an appointment for the second dose.

## Will I absolutely receive a second dose?

The federal government and its suppliers have assured us there will be enough for a second dose of the same manufacturer brand for those who received the first dose.

Even after receiving **both doses** of the vaccine, and until more is understood about the protection the vaccine provides in real-life conditions, it is still important to continue following recommendations for mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. **If you exhibit symptoms, you should still get tested for the virus.** 

## **COVID-19 Testing Sites**

Most **Primary Care Providers** offer testing in their offices and should be the first option you consider. Also, **'Pop-Up' mobile testing sites** can be found at varying locations each week. For more information on mobile testing sites visit the Leon County COVID-19 Information Portal linked below.

Free community testing is available at the **FAMU-Bond Testing Site at Bragg Stadium (1500 Wahnish Way)**. Site is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon – Sat; walk-ups accepted, call **850-404-6399** to make appointment.

**Ten CVS Pharmacy locations** are offering testing **(symptomatic patients only)**. Testing is free to the uninsured, but patients must register in advance at **CVS.com**.

Walgreens Pharmacy (2349 Monroe St. & 2913 Mahan Dr.) is offering testing (symptomatic patients only). An insurance and ID card if required and patients must register in advance at walgreens.com.

**Patients First: Drive-Thu (535 Appleyard Dr.)** testing available Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments required, and can be scheduled <u>here</u> or by calling **850-877-7164**. **Curb Side (3446 Thomasville Rd)** open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., schedule appointment **here** or call **850-386-2266**. A fee of \$175 may apply.

Wellness Medical Clinic (1931 Welby Way) insurance not accepted, call 850-545-9376 for appointment.

**Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 (At-Home Test Kit)** is now available to the public, more information can be found **here**.

Most health insurance providers are covering the cost of testing, including Medicare, CHP and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. If you don't have insurance, contact that TMH Transition Center at 850-431-4470 for assistance getting a test.

For more detailed and current information about testing visit the Leon County COVID-19 Information Portal.