

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SERVICES

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Vaccine Information

Vaccine Overview

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to seniors 65 years of age and over in Leon County. Residents are being offered both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. The Moderna vaccine is administered in **2 doses, 1 month apart**, while the Pfizer vaccine requires **2 doses 3 weeks apart**. It is important to receive the second dose **as close to the 1-month or 3-week interval as possible** for the vaccine to be most effective. For questions or concerns about both vaccines visit [mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859). **Do not take any Tylenol or Ibuprofen immediately prior to receiving your vaccination.**

As local primary care physicians receive vaccine doses, they will work through their list of patients 65 years of age and older and call them to schedule appointments. Remember that the vaccines require a second dose, so plan accordingly.

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.** For an up-to-date list of frequently asked questions please visit [tmh.org/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions](https://www.tmh.org/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions).

Vaccine Sites

To register for vaccination from the Leon County Health Department visit myvaccine.fl.gov. Select your county and submit contact information. Once appointments are available, individuals will be contacted by phone call, text or email and will be assisted in scheduling an appointment. **Be sure to answer all calls, even if you do not recognize the number, to ensure that you do not miss a call scheduling your appointment.** Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks in some counties. If you have questions about the new appointment system, call **833-540-2054**. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you do not have internet access call **866-200-3856 (TTY 833-476-1455)** to request an appointment. Visit leon.floridahealth.gov for updates or **sign up for updates about vaccine availability by texting FLCOVID19 to 888777.**

The site for the Health Department's vaccination clinic is located at:

Leon County Health Department
2965 Municipal Way

This is a drive-thru site, all vaccine recipients will need to remain in their vehicle for the entire process.

If you have already received a first dose of the vaccine, the schedule for when you will receive your second dose can be found at: leon.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2021/01/second-doses.html. **Text alerts will be sent with the specific time for your appointment.** For any additional questions about the vaccine, the State COVID-19 Call Center can be reached by calling **866-779-6121** or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Florida State University is providing vaccines to seniors 65 years and over at the **Donald L. Tucker Civic Center**. Eligible individuals can start the process by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov. Residents can pre-register for vaccine appointments, and the system will notify them when appointments are available in their area. **The Civic Center site is not a drive-thru site, a car is not required, and you can be dropped off and picked up.**

Once registered, and as you await the call to receive your appointment date and time, please download, print, and complete the **COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form**, at the following link: leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html. Filling out this form before you arrive will save time for you and for other recipients. **A photo identification card, or two other items (i.e. utility bill, deed, mortgage etc.) that reflect a Florida residential address is also required.** If you were not given a second appointment, 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.

Publix stores in Leon County have begun scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for residents 65 and over. For more information, visit publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida. Once there select your county and complete the registration information form. Appointments will be scheduled based on the amount of vaccine available; **be sure to check back regularly for a chance to book an appointment as new doses become available.** For a description of Publix registration process visit nbc-2.com/news/2021/01/22/how-to-book-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment-at-publix/. Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#). **All Florida residents are required to provide a photo Identification card, or two other items (i.e. utility bill, deed, mortgage etc.) that reflect a Florida residential address.**

Select Walmart/Sam's Club stores in Leon County will serve as vaccination sites serving residents 65 and over through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program beginning Friday, February 12, 2021. For a list of local sites, click [here](#). Appointments are required at each location. To make an appointment with Walmart, visit walmart.com/COVIDvaccine. Once there click **Schedule Now**. You will need to create a Walmart account to sign in and begin the registration process. Visit corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine for more information. To make an appointment with Sam's Club, visit samsclub.com/covid If you are not a Sam's Club member **you can create a free guest account** to schedule your vaccination appointment. Otherwise, sign in with your Sam's Club membership account information and complete the registration process. **As with all other vaccination sites, you will be required to provide proof of residency with either a photo identification card or two other items that reflect a Florida residential address.**

Transportation

Transportation assistance is available. Any Leon County senior unable to secure transportation for their vaccination should contact **VolunteerLEON** at **850-606-1970** to receive a referral to a faith-based organization for a volunteer driver. **Volunteer Leon is currently working to secure additional transportation partners to meet increasing demand and securing a ride at this time may be difficult.** **Anyone seeking assistance should have already tried to secure transportation through family and friends and must have a vaccination appointment scheduled at an upcoming clinic.**

StarMetro is now providing fare free rides to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments, within the city. On its fixed route service, customers will simply need to show confirmation of their appointment to the driver when they board the bus. They will then be provided with documentation from the driver to show for their fare free return trip. For more information visit talgov.com/starmetro or call **850-891-5200 (TDD 800-955-8771)**. Paratransit service patrons who call to schedule an appointment to or from their COVID-19 vaccine appointment will also enjoy that trip fare free. **This option will not work for the Health Department's vaccination site, as it is a drive-thru site only.**