

# TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SERVICES

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Vaccine Information

### Vaccine Overview

Eligibility requirements for COVID-19 vaccination include:

- Long-term care facility residents and staff
- K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older
- Persons 65 years of age and older
- Sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older
- Firefighters 50 years of age and older
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact

**In addition to hospital providers, physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and pharmacists may also vaccinate persons determined by a physician to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.**

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://mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-vaccine/art-20484859). **Do not take any Tylenol or Ibuprofen immediately prior to receiving your vaccination.**

Even after receiving **both doses** of the vaccine, and until more is understood about the protection the vaccine provides, it is 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://tmh.org/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions).

**All vaccination sites require recipients to provide a photo identification card, or two other items (i.e. utility bill, deed, mortgage etc.) that reflect a Florida residential address to receive a vaccination. With the expansion of eligibility, verification of date of birth and place of employment are also required.**

### Vaccine Sites

To register for vaccination from the Leon County Health Department visit [myvaccine.fl.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov). Select your county and submit contact information. Once appointments are available, individuals will be contacted by phone, text or email to schedule 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 to schedule your appointment.** If you have questions about the appointment system, call **833-540-2054** between 8 a.m. and 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](https://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 **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](https://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](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

Visit [leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html](https://leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html) to download, print and complete the **COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form** prior to arriving for your vaccination appointment.

**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 [vaccine.fsu.edu/](https://vaccine.fsu.edu/). 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.**

**Florida A & M University** is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination site at the **Al Lawson Center**. To register visit [Commvax.patientportalfl.com](https://commvax.patientportalfl.com), however, walk-ups are welcome and registration is not necessary. The site is open from **9 a.m. to noon, seven days a week**. Recipients can be dropped off and picked up, and disability assistance is available for those who need it.

**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](https://publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida). Once there select your county and complete the registration form. Appointments are first-come, first-served and scheduled based on vaccine supply; **be sure to check back regularly 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/](https://nbc-2.com/news/2021/01/22/how-to-book-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment-at-publix/). Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).

**Select Walmart/Sam's Club stores in Leon County are serving as vaccination sites serving residents 65 and over through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.** For a list of local sites, click [here](#). Appointments are required at each location. To make an appointment with Walmart, visit [walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](https://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](https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine) for more information. To make an appointment with Sam's Club, visit [samsclub.com/covid](https://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.

### Transportation

Any Leon County senior can contact **VolunteerLEON** at **850-606-1970** to receive a referral to organizations for a volunteer driver. **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.**

**211 Big Bend** is working with **Lyft** to provide free transportation to and from vaccination appointments. Rides are available to anyone within Leon County; call **850-617-6325** to schedule transportation for an upcoming appointment. Call **24 hours** in advance for a **guaranteed ride**, however, same-day calls can often be accommodated. **This option is good for all vaccination sites, except the Health Department's drive-thru only site.**

Beginning 3/8/2021 **Elder Care Services** is offering transportation assistance to seniors getting vaccinated at the **FAMU** vaccination site at the **Al Lawson Center**. To request transportation call **850-921-5554**.

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