

# TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SERVICES

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Vaccine Information

### Vaccine Overview

Eligibility requirements for COVID-19 vaccination include:

- Persons 16 years of age and older
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact
- Long-term care facility residents and staff

Individuals determined by a physician to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 can also get vaccinated. **If you feel you are extremely vulnerable to COVID-19, contact your physician to request a vaccination referral.**

**The Pfizer vaccine will be administered to residents age 16 and 17. A parent or guardian must be present when teens, under the age of 18 are vaccinated.**

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. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine is also now available at some locations and **only requires one dose**. 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.**

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://www.tmh.org/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions). Further information can be found at [safeandhealthybigbend.com/](https://www.safeandhealthybigbend.com/).

**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

For a list of vaccination sites in Leon County, **including pop up events**, with sign-up instructions, a browsable map and an address searchable database, visit [cms.leoncountyfl.gov/covid-19/Vax-Map](https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/covid-19/Vax-Map). 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://www.leon.floridahealth.gov) for updates or **sign up for updates about vaccine availability by texting FLCOVID19 to 888777.**

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).

The site for the Health Department's vaccination clinic has moved to the **Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St. This will be a walk-up site; appointments are encouraged but not required.**

Visit [leon.floridahealth.gov/index.html](https://www.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 eligible individuals 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](http://Commvax.patientportalfl.com), however, walk-ups are welcome and registration is not necessary. The site is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week**. Recipients can be dropped off and picked up, and disability assistance is available.

**Publix stores in Leon County have begun scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations**. For more information, visit [publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida](http://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/](http://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 for eligible individuals 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](http://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](http://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine) for more information. To make an appointment with Sam's Club, visit [samsclub.com/covid](http://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.

**CVS Pharmacy is now offering COVID-19 vaccination**, and appointments are required. For more information, visit [cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine](http://cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine). Once there select your state and city, then 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**.

### 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 for drive-thru only site.**

**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. For more information visit [talgov.com/starmetro](http://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 drive-thru sites.**

### Home Bound Individuals

Elder Care Services is working to help connect home bound individuals with organizations providing in-home vaccination. Contact Elder Care Services at **850-921-5554**, or email [fligerj@ecsbigbend.org](mailto:fligerj@ecsbigbend.org) to request assistance.

Seniors can also register for an in-home vaccination appointment by emailing [homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com](mailto:homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com) or by calling the State's COVID-19 call center at **866-779-6121** for assistance.

Lastly, a third option is available for all homebound residents; visit [homebound.patientportalfl.com/](http://homebound.patientportalfl.com/) to schedule an appointment. If you need assistance registering for an appointment, please call **833-930-3672** or email [homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com](mailto:homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com).