

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. 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, 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.

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.** The site is open each week on Monday from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

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/. 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, 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. 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/. 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. 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.

CVS Pharmacy is now offering COVID-19 vaccination, and appointments are required. For more information, visit 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 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 to request assistance.

Seniors can also register for an in-home vaccination appointment by emailing 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/ to schedule an appointment. If you need assistance registering for an appointment, please call **833-930-3672** or email homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com.