



COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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Who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine now?

According to the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#), these people, *pending availability*, are eligible:

- Tier 1A – Healthcare workers; and
- Tier 1B:
 - People over the age of 65; or
 - People younger than 65 with a medical condition such as cancer; chronic kidney disease; COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease); heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies; solid organ transplantation; obesity; pregnancy; sickle cell disease; or Type 2 diabetes mellitus that puts them at a greater risk of severe disease or death from COVID-19.

More people are eligible to receive the vaccine than there are doses on hand. Vaccines are distributed each week; providers who don't have the vaccine now will likely have more soon.

The vaccine is available at no charge, regardless of insurance status.

How to find a registered vaccine provider?

- Check with your **doctor's office**, or
- Check with the **pharmacy** where you get your medications, or
- **Search this map** of every registered vaccine provider to find a location convenient to you: [Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations](#), or
- **KUT has a list** of vaccine providers who either have doses or will soon get doses. You can find that list here: <https://linktr.ee/ATXvaccine>; or
- **Pre-register** to be notified when the vaccine is available for you at a regional hub.
 - You can see the entire list of hubs here: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx>

Links to vaccine appointment portals:

If you are familiar with Slack, this workspace tracks vaccine appointment portals and posts messages when appointments open up: https://join.slack.com/t/texasvaccineupdates/shared_invite/zt-lhqkdf2a-3ijG~Ohgr~JHBjtEXcrccA

Austin Public Health (APH)	https://covid19.austintexas.gov/s/schedule-vaccine
<p>Helpful Information about APH's process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must create an APH account in order to sign up for the waiting list or schedule an appointment. Vaccine appointments are only opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays; but you can create an account and add yourself to the waiting list at any time. When you register and answer questions about yourself, you will be awarded points according to risk factors that you have. People who have registered for the vaccine and have the most points in the system will get emails from APH about 2 hours before appointments become available. We have heard that the Austin Public Health will expedite the vaccination process to the extent possible for persons with mobility issues. 	
UT Health Austin	http://uthealthaustin.org/.../covid.../covid-19-vaccination
<p>Helpful Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for the vaccine at the link above. You will be contacted based on eligibility (currently scheduling those in Phase 1B). General information about who is eligible and how to register can be found here: https://uthealthaustin.org/.../covid.../covid-19-vaccination 	
<p>Bell County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paperwork you need for the vaccine can be found here: 2nd dose packet.pdf (bellcountyhealth.org) (Even though this says "2nd dose packet", I believe it is needed at the first does. You can print and complete the paperwork ahead of time and bring it with you or fill it out there. 	
Killeen, TX	<p>First Dose scheduling:</p> <p>Killeen Vaccine Booking (office365.com)</p>
<p>Helpful Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killeen Community Center (2201 E Veterans Memorial Blvd, Killeen, TX 76543) 	
Temple, TX	Temple Vaccine Booking (office365.com)
<p>Helpful Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sammons Community Center 2220 W Avenue D, Temple, TX 76504 	
Belton, TX	<p>Second Dose scheduling:</p>

	Bell County 2nd Dose (office365.com)
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Helpful Information:

- Drive thru
- Bell County Expo Center (301 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513)
- You are eligible to receive a second dose here if:
 - It has been 21 days or greater since receiving your first dose with Bell County, and
 - Your first dose was given at either the Killeen Community Center or Sammons Community Center.
- If you do not fit this criteria, your appointment will be cancelled and you will be turned away.

Bell County Waitlist	Bell County (jotform.com)
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Helpful Information:

- This waitlist will be utilized to contact individuals when we have doses remaining at the end of the evening. This list will be separate and apart from the appointment booking process. You should only sign up for the wait list if you live close by and are able to get to the vaccine site quickly.
- This does not guarantee a vaccine so it is important to continue to try and get an appointment if at all possible.
- This waitlist is only for those currently eligible to receive the vaccine.

Williamson County

Family Hospital Systems (FHS) vaccine sites in Williamson County	Online booking at this site has been taken down, as they are fully booked through March.
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Helpful Information:

Williamson County has set up a call center (512-943-1600) to help provide residents with information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

The call center will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and will be able to assist residents with signing up on the Family Hospital Systems (FHS) vaccine waitlist by walking them through the process. Representatives will also be able to confirm if someone is on the waitlist, give information about the county's vaccine plan and share details about the county's Vaccine Registration Technical Assistance (VRTA) sites.

Pharmacies:

HEB Pharmacies	HEB Vaccine Registration Portal
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	HEB has started receiving vaccine doses and opens appointments as they are available. You need to check this website frequently; the vaccine delivery schedule is uncertain.
Tarrytown Pharmacy	Info about COVID-19 Vaccine at Tarrytown Pharmacy
Randalls Pharmacies (Including all Albertson's Companies stores)	Service Dashboard (mhealthappointments.com)

Free Transportation via CapMetro:

Complimentary curb-to-curb service for eligible community members and healthcare providers to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Call 512-369-6050 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to request your trip at least 1 day in advance of your vaccine appointment.

When making the reservation, you will need the following information:

- Pickup address
- Vaccine location destination address
- Requested appointment and return times
- If the customer is traveling with another person or utilizing any mobility aids.
- Service hours are Monday-Friday 4 a.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sun 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Service is available within the current [MetroAccess ADA service area](#).
- Your ride should arrive within 30 minutes before or after your scheduled pickup time. When the appointment has ended, customers may call for their return pickup to be dispatched.

Please note: Capital Metro is only providing transportation, not the vaccine itself. Customers must secure and schedule their vaccine dose with their healthcare provider.

How to decide about getting the vaccine?

Here are some sites to help you weigh the pros and cons:

- CDC: [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- Mayo Clinic: [COVID-19 Vaccines: Get the Facts](#)
- FDA: [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) (available in several languages)
- FDA: [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) (available in several languages)

How to learn more:

- “Vac Facts” is published each week on the [City of Austin’s COVID-19 Vaccines](#) page.
- Austin Public Health hosted a community town hall on January 13th. You can find recordings of the meeting here [In English](#) and [En Español](#)

- [Williamson County and Cities Health District COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)
- [City of Round Rock Vaccine Information](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White: COVID-19 Vaccine Update](#)
- [St. David's HealthCare: COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#)

We will update this information as we learn more. If you have helpful information to share, please e-mail Annette Juba, LCSW (ajuba@ageofcentraltx.org).