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

Per the Texas Department of State Health Services, these people, pending availability, are eligible:

- Tier 1A: Healthcare workers
- Tier 1B:
 - o People over the age of 65; or
 - People 16+ with a health condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
 People with medical conditions listed on the CDC's list of <u>Conditions Contributing to Increased Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19</u> qualify for vaccination in Texas.
- Tier 1C: People 60-64 years of age.
- School and Licensed Child Care Personnel.

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

Do you need help making an appointment for your FIRST COVID-19 shot?

Volunteers are ready to help you! The process of scheduling your vaccine can be difficult. We are here to assist you in a timely manner. We want to help you and your loved ones!

Please click here to fill out a form to get connected to a volunteer in our community that wants to help.

The volunteer can provide you with more resources to make the appointment yourself or make the appointment for you. We want to ensure everyone in our community wanting to get the vaccine, has access to it.

After you fill out the form, you can expect to be contacted by a volunteer within a day or two.

This group is only able to help with first dose appointments; they don't have the capacity to help with the 2nd dose if you've already received the first.

How to find a registered vaccine provider?

Check with your doctor's office or the pharmacy where you get your medications

- Websites that list vaccine providers or allow you to search for providers:
 - o National: https://vaccinefinder.org/search/
 - o State-wide: Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations
 - o Local:
 - Local provider list (maintained by KUT): @ATXvaccine | Linktree
 - Central Texas list (maintained by Travis County): https://centraltxvaccs.org/

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://texasvaccineupdates.slack.com/ (If you don't already have a Slack account, you need to first create one here: https://slack.com/)

Austin Public Health (APH) https://covid19.austintexas.gov/s/schedule-vaccine

Helpful Information about APH's process:

- You must create an APH account in order to sign up for the waiting list or schedule an appointment.
- Vaccine appointments are opened on Mondays (and re-opened Thursdays if there are additional slots available); 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

Helpful Information:

- 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

Bell County

Information about booking vaccine appointments in Bell County can be found here: https://www.bellcountyhealth.org/covid-19 vaccine/index.php

Williamson County

To receive a vaccine appointment, you must pre-register on the County's centralized waitlist (https://forms.wilco.org/Forms/CV19VaccineWaitListRegistration).

People who fall in groups 1A, 1B, or 1C are encouraged to register on the centralized waitlist, with the possibility of receiving a vaccine appointment this week.

Once it is your turn to receive the vaccine, Williamson County can offer technical assistance with completing your registration paperwork at a Vaccine Registration Technical Assistance Site:

- Hill Country Bible Church, 3300 Little Elm Trail, Gym Building, Cedar Park, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays
- First Baptist Taylor, 2500 Mallard Lane in Taylor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays
- The Oaks in Sun City, 301 Del Webb Blvd. in Georgetown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 1420 E Palm Valley Blvd. in Round Rock, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays
- First United Methodist Church Georgetown (McKinney Christian Ministry Center), 1205 Ash St. in Georgetown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays
- Northpoint Church, 1320 Arrow Point Dr. in unit 201 in Cedar Park, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays

Williamson County has set up a call center (512-943-1600) to help provide residents with information about the COVID-19 vaccine. Calls are answered M-F 8a-6p.

Pharmacies:

HEB Pharmacies	HEB Vaccine Registration Portal 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	Service Dashboard (mhealthappointments.com)
Walmart	Walmart Pharmacy vaccine registration
Sam's Club	Sam's Club Pharmacy vaccine information (You don't need to be a Sam's Club member to receive the vaccine there, but if you're not, you will need to create a free guest registration.)
CVS	Has vaccines available in some Texas cities. Click on Texas at this link (COVID Vaccine (COVID-19 Immunization Updates) CVS Pharmacy) to see a list of towns that are either fully booked or have appointments available.

Good Neighbor	Good Neighbor Pharmacies are approved to administer the
	vaccine, but don't have a registration page up yet. Click here
	for more information: https://www.mygnp.com/covid-19/
Walgreens	https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-
	vaccine.jsp?
	(You will need to create a Walgreens account to register for an
	appointment or availability alerts.)

Free Transportation

Capital Metro:

Complimentary curb-to-curb service 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.

CARTS:

The Capital Area Rural Transportation System will offer Free Rides on all CARTS Country Bus services to passengers who need transportation to vaccination sites.

CARTS provides transportation for the non-urbanized areas of Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Travis and Williamson counties. Anyone in the CARTS Rural District will be able to ride CARTS Country bus services FREE to get vaccinated.

If you live in the CARTS rural service area please schedule your ride 24 hours in advance by calling 1-512-478-RIDE (7433).

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 <u>City of Austin's COVID-19 Vaccines</u> page.
- 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'll keep this page updated. If you have helpful information to share, please e-mail Annette Juba, LCSW (ajuba@ageofcentraltx.org).