

# **COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

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

Per the <u>Texas Department of State Health Services</u>, everyone age 16 and older is now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.

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

## Volunteer Groups that can help make a vaccine appointment?

- Austin Vaccine Angels
  - Form for requesting help with 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine appointments
- Kendra's COVID Coaches
  - Resource Sheet with all of their vaccine information
  - Form for requesting assistance with making a vaccine appointment

## How to find a registered vaccine provider?

- National Vaccine Search:
  - https://vaccinefinder.org/search/
- Texas Search:
  - o <u>Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Locations (new link)</u>
  - o <u>Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler</u> (new link)
    - News story on how to use this scheduler: <u>Texas COVID vaccine waitlist: How to</u> sign up for state-launched registration portal (kxan.com)
- Central Texas Searches:
  - Local provider list (maintained by KUT): <u>@ATXvaccine | Linktree</u>
  - Central Texas list (maintained by Travis County): <u>https://centraltxvaccs.org/</u>

## Links to vaccine appointment portals:

If you are familiar with Slack, this workspace tracks vaccine appointment portals and posts messages when appointments open up: <u>https://texasvaccineupdates.slack.com/</u> (If you don't already have a Slack account, you need to first create one here: <u>https://slack.com/</u>)

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

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 <u>http://uthealthaustin.org/.../covid.../covid-19-vaccination</u>

Helpful Information:

- Register for the vaccine at the link above.
- You will be contacted based on eligibility (currently scheduling those in Phase 1B).

#### Bell County

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

#### Williamson County

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

Once it is your turn to receive the vaccine, Williamson County offers 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 PortalHEB has started receiving vaccine doses and opensappointments as they are available. You need to check thiswebsite 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 ( <u>COVID Vaccine (COVID-19 Immunization Updates)</u> <u>CVS Pharmacy</u> ) 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: <u>https://www.myqnp.com/covid-19/</u>
Walgreens	<ul> <li><u>https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp?</u></li> <li>(You will need to create a Walgreens account to register for an appointment or availability alerts.)</li> </ul>

## **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 <u>MetroAccess ADA service area</u>.
- 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: <u>COVID-19 Vaccines: Get the Facts</u>
- FDA: <u>Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet</u> (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
- <u>City of Round Rock Vaccine Information</u>
- Baylor Scott & White: COVID-19 Vaccine Update
- <u>St. David's HealthCare: COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs</u>

We'll keep this page updated. If you have helpful information to share, please e-mail Annette Juba, LCSW (ajuba@ageofcentraltx.org).