



## COVID-19 Vaccination

### Frequently Asked Questions for Older Adults (Age 60+)

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

#### **I live in a long-term care facility. What phase am I in?**

PHASE 1A: Residents in long-term care facilities as well as paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home.

#### **I am a long-term care resident and I have not been offered the vaccine, what do I do?**

Pharmacy partners are working to reach all of the over 4900 licensed facilities in Michigan. Ask your administrator for more information about the vaccination clinic at your facility.

All "other" facilities (these include assisted living, personal care homes, residential adult family home, adult foster home, Veteran's homes) are still being contacted by their matched pharmacy if they are participating in the pharmacy partnership program. Those not participating in the pharmacy partnership program will work with the local health department. The best thing to do is ask your facility administrator if there are plans for an onsite clinic.

#### **I provide unpaid assistance with activities of daily living to an individual in a long-term care facility. What phase am I in?**

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#### **I am 65 years or older and I do not reside in a long-term care facility. What phase am I in?**

- PHASE 1B: Persons 75 years of age or older and frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure.
  - Group A: Persons 75 years of age or older not covered in Phase 1A. This includes those in a congregate setting that were not reached in Phase 1A.
- PHASE 1C: Individuals age 16 years or older at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 infection and some other essential workers whose position impacts life, safety, and protection during the COVID-19 response.
  - Group A: Individuals age 65 to 74 years. This includes those in congregate settings that were not reached in prior phases.
  - Group B: Individuals age 16 to 64 years with COPD, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, or other conditions that puts them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcome.

#### **How do I get a vaccine?**



For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

You may also visit [Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine) and select Vaccine Locations. Look for the county you live in. As supply increases, you may receive a communication from your health care provider about vaccination clinics through your health care system. Work through the website first. If you are having issues or do not have internet access, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 for assistance with finding information on vaccination in your area or scheduling an appointment if one is available. However, the best way to make your plan to get vaccinated is to visit [Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine) to get connected to your [local health department](#).

**Is there a cost to get vaccinated?**

No fees will be charged to get vaccinated.

**Why can't I get a vaccine right now in my county, but residents of other counties can?**

There is limited vaccine in Michigan, so appointments in your county may not yet be available. Please do not go to a clinic for vaccination without an appointment. To ensure the best protection from the COVID-19 vaccine, individuals must receive a second dose 21-28 days after their initial vaccination, and it must be from the same manufacturer. It is important to keep your vaccination card and go back on your due date.

**I am homebound and I want the vaccine. How will I get a vaccine?**

Local health departments are developing plans to reach homebound individuals and may have already attempted to reach out. If you have not been contacted, please contact your [local health department](#).

**Will my home health aide be able to get the vaccine?**

Direct care workers, including home health aides, are essential workers and are included in PHASE 1A.

**What should I do to stay safe while I wait to get a vaccine?**

Continue to follow public health guidance including wearing a mask or face-covering, washing your hands, and practicing social distancing. If you need assistance or if you are a caregiver looking for support, contact your [local Area Agency on Aging](#).

If you have access to a computer, smartphone or tablet, visit [Michigan.cv19checkup.org](https://Michigan.cv19checkup.org), where you can complete a questionnaire to help assess your risk and identify any needs you may have. You will receive a personalized report with detailed actions you can take to help minimize your risks. You will also receive a list of local resources, such as your local Area Agency on Aging, to help assist you with your unmet needs.

**I have a smartphone/tablet/computer with internet access, and I want to use the internet to get information on COVID-19. However, I don't know how to use my device or how to search for information. Is there help available?**

Yes, Michiganders age 60 and over can enroll in free classes funded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. These classes are conducted through a platform called [GetSetUp](#). For more information and to learn how you can sign up, please call 1-888-559-1614.

**Where can I get more information?**

More information is available on the State of Michigan's coronavirus website at <http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> or through the MDHHS COVID Hotline at 1-888-535-6136.

**For additional resources, please see:**

- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine](#)