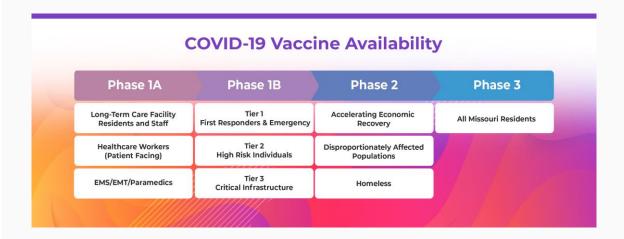


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https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/info-graphic-alt/vaccine-availability.html

# Patience and persistence...

COVID-19 vaccination is a process driven by "eligibility" and vaccine supply.

Many of you have contacted my office about how or when you will be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine. My hope is that the information below will help answer some of those questions. It includes state, county and city resources.

Please keep in mind that EVERYONE who wants the vaccine WILL be able to get one, but it will take TIME. As we all have heard, the DEMAND for the vaccine heavily outweighs the AVAILABILITY of the vaccine, and each step of the process requires time.

Although the supply of vaccine is low *now*, local public health officials (Platte, Clay and KCMO) have assured me that the supply and distribution networks are growing every week at a strong pace. Mass vaccination sites will soon be available including one run by the Platte County Health Department in a Riverside warehouse starting as early as March 1.

## **HOW TO GET ON THE LIST FOR A VACCINE APPOINTMENT?**

The FIRST STEP for anyone to receive the vaccine is to GET REGISTERED by filling out a "survey" which DETERMINES YOUR ELIGIBILITY on the vaccine rollout timeline. (Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3.) After completing the survey (online or by telephone), you will be contacted (by email or phone) for how to schedule an appointment once the vaccine becomes available for your "tier". (See chart above.)

Here are resources for getting your name in the vaccination sign up system.

# **STATE OF MISSOURI:**

- Register your interest in having a vaccine at <a href="https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/">https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/</a>
- If no access online, CALL (877) 435-8411
- Missouri Residents Vaccine Info: https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/residents/

## LOCAL:

# PLATTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

 Register your interest in having a vaccine at https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/

- If no access online, CALL (877) 435-8411
- Platte Co. Vaccine

Info: https://plattecountyhealthdept.com/emergency.aspx

## **CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

(In partnership with Cerner, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Liberty Hospital and NKC Hospital)

- Register your interest in having a vaccine at www.clayhealth.com/301/COVID-19-Vaccine
- Vaccine FAQ: www.clayhealth.com/307/COVID-Vaccine-FAQs
- If no access online, CALL (877) 435-8411

## KANSAS CITY HEALTH DEPT.

- Register: <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/210117358088152">https://hipaa.jotform.com/210117358088152</a>
- Vaccine Info: www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health/covid-19-vaccine
- Phone: Call 3-1-1. When prompted, press 3, then 1.

The Kansas City Health Department offers these additional recommendations/tips:

- Check your emails and spam folder regularly after you fill out a survey.
  Some vaccine appointment invitation emails are getting diverted by spam filters. We only try an email address twice before moving to the next person.
- Once you receive your vaccine registration email, do NOT forward to others as it is for YOUR SPOT ONLY. If you send it to others, they will not be able to receive the vaccine.

# OTHER:

- Contact your HEALTH PROVIDER (hospital, primary care doctor, etc.) to see if they are administering vaccines.
- Check with local PHARMACIES as many are becoming vaccination sites including CVS, Walgreens and Hy-Vee.

 Check with Walmart and Sam's Club as many are becoming vaccination sites. https://www.clayhealth.com/DocumentCenter/View/1204/covid-19vaccine-locations-walmart-and-sams-clubs-missouri-2-9-21

Sadly, nothing about this pandemic is easy, and the vaccine rollout is no different. Thank you for your patience and persistence in getting registered for your vaccine with the City as well as the County. And please remember to CONTINUE practicing COVID-safe behaviors such as masking, frequent hand washing, surface sanitizing and physical distancing.

Stay safe. Stay well.