

# COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance

The State of Minnesota is offering "pop-up" COVID-19 vaccination clinic access for groups of 50 or more people at a single pre-scheduled site. These clinics are being coordinated through the **MN State Emergency Operations Center coordinating with the At-Risk Populations Work Group**.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What kind of vaccination help is available?

Partnering with community groups, local public health and pharmacies, our work group can help coordinate planning for vaccine clinics at host sites or alternative arrangements for homebound residents. These variable vaccination clinics are intended for people age 65 and older, 50 and older in multi-generational housing, and people with underlying medical conditions.

### What type of clinics are offered?

Our work group supports three types of vaccination clinics:

- Large, half-day centralized clinics (200-800 people) with a pharmacy
- Smaller clinics (50+) for people who must avoid large gatherings due to mobility or health concerns
- In-home vaccination for homebound residents (TBD) via paramedics or homecare nurses

### Which vaccines are available?

The Moderna vaccine is used primarily, but this may be expanded to Johnson & Johnson, subject to availability. Local sites can request a preferred vaccine product but are not guaranteed.

### What is the timeline for planning clinics?

Planning for clinics can happen as much in advance as possible. Clinics can be tentatively scheduled whenever a pharmacy partner can be matched with a host site where of the above clinic types will be held. Participating organizations can then begin recruiting participants for the event in anticipation of the event. Final confirmation of the vaccine allocation is typically provided on the Thursday before a clinic in the following week.



# Planning a Clinic

## Host sites

Host sites voluntarily agree to allow a pharmacy partner to operate a pop-up clinic at their building. Considering weather factors, it's important to have a building large enough for a pop-up clinic. Municipal, county, services, or faith-based organizations typically have appropriate buildings. A host site can be used by multiple organizations seeking vaccination for their participants/services recipients on the same day in a regional location.

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Host sites must be large enough to provide:

- A pre-screening area to allow the people receiving vaccine to answer some health questions prior to entering the facility
- A semi-private area (temporary screens) to provide vaccine administration
- A “waiting room,” appropriately spaced to allow for social distancing and monitoring for 15 minutes after they are vaccinated
- A public restroom

Host site/provider responsibilities include:

- Gathering names, contact information of individuals, or organizations requesting vaccination
- Schedule times for people to come in to receive their vaccine in accordance to vaccinator directions.
- Establishing a waiting list in case of excess vaccine or cancellation
- Planning a follow up clinic four weeks after the first clinic for a second dose (for Moderna)
- Identifying volunteers to assist with screening, collecting consent forms, guiding participants through the clinic, and staffing the monitoring area
- Providing language/American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, as needed

## Organizations requesting a clinic

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In addition to contact information, organizations will be asked to provide the following information:

- Number of vaccinations anticipated
- Ability for clients/residents and staff to travel to a centralized location for vaccination

- Additional arrangements needed, like language/American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation or other accommodations

Organization responsibilities include:

- Gathering names, contact information of individuals requesting vaccination
- Establishing a waiting list in case of excess vaccine or cancellation

**The At-Risk Populations (ARP) Work Group** was established by the Governor's Office in March 2020 to mitigate risk for populations facing increased COVID-19 risks, including older adults, people with disabilities, people with underlying health conditions, and people experiencing homelessness or those who cannot shelter safely at home.



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