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COVID-19 Vaccine News & Info

TIMELY UPDATES

- **Beginning April 23,** any eligible New Yorker can get vaccinated at any city-run site in any borough without having to make an appointment, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday. New Yorkers who are 16 and 17 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, which is the only one federally emergency-use authorized in the U.S. thus far. The City lists vaccine brands by site. Adolescents can walk in with a legal guardian and get vaccinated as well, no appointment necessary.

- **Beginning Friday, April 23,** 16 state-run mass vaccination sites will accept walk-in appointments for individuals age **60 and older.** To find the list of the 16 sites visit [here](#).

- **Beginning April 17, 2021,** New Yorkers ages 50 and older and a companion can walk into **seven City-run sites** and get vaccinated; **no appointment necessary.** For information, please visit the [NYC Vaccine Command Center website](#). See: [Press Release](#)

- **Beginning April 6,** universal eligibility goes into effect and all New Yorkers 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

- **Effective, March 30,** New Yorkers 30 years of age and older are eligible for vaccination. [https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-yorkers-30-years-age-andolder-will-be-eligible-receive-covid-19](#)
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- President Biden directs states to make vaccine available to all adults starting May 1, 2021: [announcement](#).

- On March 8, 2021, the CDC issued **Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**, which provides guidance related to gatherings as well as isolation, quarantine, and testing. [Click here to read the guidance](#). On March 10, 2021, CMS issued revised **Nursing Home Visitation guidance**. [Click here to read the guidance](#) and [click here to read a fact sheet](#).

- With more than 32 million Americans completely vaccinated, the CDC on March 8, 2021, issued new, interim guidelines as to how to visit safely with others. The CDC urges that even those vaccinated should continue to wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to the other prevention measures when in public. It also recommends the vaccinated avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings; and to get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (don’t forget that there’s still a chance you can catch COVID even if you’re vaccinated; it’s likely to be a less severe case, but still best to be careful).


- The website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now has a landing page for patients on COVID-19 vaccines, including a helpful primer on **8 Things to Know About the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program**. The CDC will be unveiling a broader media campaign this month.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched a vaccination data page with jurisdiction-level data. The page tracks the total number of COVID-19 vaccines administered in the United States. You can find the tracker [here](#).
• The CDC and NIH have developed weekly COVID-19 state profile reports for the public. See: New York’s data pages.

• The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is advising consumers to take the following steps to avoid becoming a victim of a coronavirus vaccine and testing scams:
  
  o Learn how to **tell the difference between** a real contact tracer and a **scammer**. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.
  
  o **Don’t respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.** Here’s what you need to know.
  
  o Ignore offers for vaccinations and miracle treatments or **cures**. Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.

• **Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination:** Beginning February 11, those eligible for the vaccine will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at no cost at select pharmacies across the country. This program represents a public-private partnership with 21 national pharmacy partners and networks of independent pharmacies representing over 40,000 pharmacy locations nationwide. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) worked with states to select initial pharmacy partners based on a number of factors including their ability to reach some of the populations most at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Americans should check their pharmacy’s website to find out if vaccine is available. More information is available here.

NEW YORK STATE

• **New York State Department of Health Vaccine Hub and Facts page**
  https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/
The Governor directed the Department of Financial Services to extend the emergency regulation requiring all health insurers to waive co-pays for the COVID-19 vaccine until April 30. The extension of this regulation and guidance will help to ensure there are no barriers to New Yorkers accessing the vaccine as the State continues to implement its vaccine administration plan and get every New Yorker vaccinated.

The New York State Department of Financial Services issued a directive on December 16, 2020 requiring all insurers to cover the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines at no cost-sharing by the patient.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are mRNA vaccines. New York State released a video explaining how these vaccines work to safely protect individuals from COVID-19. Three key things to know: They do not affect your own genetic material or DNA; they do not contain the actual COVID-19 virus; and they cannot give the recipient COVID. Watch the video.

NYS Hotline focused on vaccine-related fraud. New Yorkers who suspect fraud in the vaccine distribution process can now call 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) toll-free or email the state Department of Health at STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov. Hotline staff will route complaints to the appropriate investigative agencies to ensure New Yorkers are not being taken advantage of as the State works to vaccinate the entire eligible population.

New York State is encouraging eligible New Yorkers to train to become vaccinators. If you are a licensed practical nurse, a dentist, an EMT, a medical or nursing student with at least a year of clinical experience, and more — then you may be eligible to take training to become a vaccinator and help New York administer COVID vaccines over the coming months. See how you can get involved here.

New York is following updated CDC quarantine guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. On February 10, 2021, the CDC announced that
individuals who have received both vaccine doses, and at least two weeks have passed since the second dose, are no longer required to quarantine if they are exposed to someone who is infected with the virus. New York is updating guidance to follow the CDC. All New Yorkers, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue to wear masks, social distance, and be smart until herd immunity is reached.

- **New York State’s COVID-19 Vaccination Program:**
  - Vaccine sites are also being added in order to facilitate an increased number of New Yorkers getting vaccinated. For more information and to schedule an appointment if you currently qualify for a vaccine, follow this link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page
  - Once New Yorkers become eligible for the vaccine, they can complete an online webform https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/ and will then be directed to a list of providers near them to schedule an appointment.
  - New York State regional vaccination hubs led by local hospital systems to coordinate administration of vaccine with State and local community networks: Details Here
  - The Governor announced the launch of New York's Vaccine Equity Task Force chaired by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, Attorney General Letitia James, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial, and Healthfirst President & CEO Pat Wang. The Task Force will work to ensure vulnerable and underserved communities are not left behind by breaking down the barriers to vaccination and ensuring there is equitable distribution of the vaccine across the state. The State will also develop community vaccination kits to set up sites to administer the vaccine. See: Press Release
  - More than 2 million individuals are now eligible to be vaccinated as part of Phase 1A. On January 4, 2021, the list of eligible New Yorkers was expanded again to include all doctors, nurses and health care staff who
come in contact with the public; ambulatory centers staff; and all public health care workers who provide direct in-person care, including those who conduct COVID-19 tests and handle lab specimens. Beginning this week, eligibility will also be expanded to include home care workers, hospice workers, and nursing home and other congregate setting workers who have yet to receive a vaccine through the federal nursing home vaccination program. See the full list, including previously announced priority groups, [here](#).

- **A new state web application launched on January 4, 2021, will help New Yorkers determine if they are eligible to get the vaccine.** By answering a series of simple questions, New Yorkers can find out if they are eligible for the vaccine and, if so, where to make an appointment. See if you’re eligible [here](#).

- The Governor announced that to date (January 5, 2020) 3,762 providers have applied and been approved by the state to serve as vaccination sites. Currently, 636 locations are now activated and are able to begin vaccinating eligible New Yorkers. To view press release and regional breakdown of sites click [here](#).

- **New York State has opted into the federal government's nursing home vaccination program.** Under the federal program, employees of CVS and Walgreens will vaccinate residents and staff at these facilities, much like they do for the flu vaccine. We expect deliveries for this program to begin arriving next week and the federal administration program to begin by December 21st. New York is dedicating a portion of our initial 170,000 doses to this program. Portions of future state allocations will also be used to help complete the program and ensure all residents and staff are vaccinated.

- **The CDC has agreed to remove requirements on vaccine reporting data that could have been used to identify immigration status.** This means that New York will not send any personally identifying information to the federal government in vaccine distribution—ensuring that no one feels dissuaded from getting vaccinated due to immigration status.
VACCINATION ROLL OUT, ELIGIBILITY & UPDATES

• **Beginning Friday, April 23**, 16 state-run mass vaccination sites will accept walk-in appointments for individuals age **60 and older**. To find the list of the 16 sites visit [here](#).

• **Beginning April 17, 2021**, New Yorkers ages 50 and older can walk into any City-run vaccination site and get vaccinated; **no appointment necessary**. For information, please visit the [NYC Vaccine Command Center website](#). See: [Press Release](#)

• **Beginning April 6, universal eligibility goes into effect** and all New Yorkers 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.


• Effective March 23, 2021, at 8 a.m., New Yorkers 50 years of age and older [are eligible](#) to receive the vaccine.

• **Pharmacies can vaccinate New Yorkers with qualifying health conditions.** Previously, pharmacies were exclusively vaccinating New Yorkers age 60+ and seniors. If you are eligible for the vaccine due to an **underlying health condition or comorbidity**, contact your local pharmacy or check the [VaccineFinder](#) website to see if there are available vaccine appointments at a pharmacy near you.

• Pharmacies have expanded their vaccination appointments to include those 60+, P-12 school faculty and staff, and child care workers—previously, pharmacies could vaccinate only those 65+. (March 10, 2021)

• **Effective March 17, most vaccination sites will be able to vaccinate any eligible New Yorker, no matter the category, depending on supply.** Any vaccine provider will be able to vaccinate any eligible New Yorker, excluding pharmacies, which will focus on individuals over the age of 60 and teachers, in line
with federal policy. Pharmacies may begin vaccinating individuals over the age of 60 and teachers March 10.

- **The list of New Yorkers currently eligible and those soon-to-be-eligible to receive the vaccine in NYC can be found [here](#).**

- **Beginning March 10, 2021, New Yorkers 60 years of age and older are eligible for the vaccination. See: [Press Release](#)**

- Public facing government, nonprofit, and building services essential workers will be eligible to receive the vaccine starting on March 17.

- Several new groups of New Yorkers are now eligible to receive the vaccine, including essential workers within the food and hotel industries:
  - Regional food bank paid or unpaid workers
  - Food pantry paid or unpaid workers
  - Permitted home-delivered meal program paid or unpaid workers
  - Hotel workers who have direct contact with guests

- **Hotel workers can be added to Phase 1B vaccine eligibility at the discretion of local governments.** Hotels in many parts of the state serve as quarantine areas for COVID-positive persons to isolate themselves from their families. In turn, the staff at these facilities are being exposed to COVID regularly. Given the overall increase to the State's supply and the essential health care service that these hotel workers provide, the governor granted localities the flexibility to add hotel workers to the 1B vaccine prioritization group. See: [Press Release](#)

- New Yorkers with qualifying comorbidities and pre-existing conditions. These New Yorkers [will be able to make appointments](#) at state-run mass vaccination sites beginning **Sunday, February 14**, with vaccinations beginning Monday, February 15. Local health departments will determine how, where and when to schedule appointments in their jurisdictions, and those appointments will begin as early as February 15. New Yorkers will have to provide documentation as required by the facility where they are getting vaccinated—the exact form of documentation will be determined by local governments, but may be either a doctor's letter, medical information evidencing comorbidity, or a certification.
Starting **Monday, January 11, 2021**, the State has opened vaccination appointments to a larger pool of people who are classified as essential and front-line workers, including

- First responders (local police, State Police, Sheriff’s Office employees, professional and volunteer firefighters);
- EMS workers (including professional and volunteer paramedics and EMTs);
- Education workers (pre-K through 12 teachers and education workers, in-class higher education instructors; licensed and registered childcare providers, and school-bus drivers);
- Public transit workers (airline and airport employees, passenger railroad employees, subway and mass transit employees, ferry employees, Port Authority employees, and public bus drivers);
- Public safety workers; and
- People over the age of 75.

- Group 1A New Yorkers (health care workers, including independent health care workers, home care workers, and hospice workers) can continue to schedule an appointment at participating hospitals and designated community vaccine sites. Please visit [https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/](https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/) and [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page).

- New Yorkers aged 65 and older are now eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine under new federal guidance announced Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the state has accepted a Trump administration policy that expands eligibility to individuals aged 65-plus and those who are immunocompromised — adding at least another 1.8 million New Yorkers to the list of eligible vaccine recipients.

- Click [Here](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page) to Determine Eligibility and Schedule Appointments with Administrating Providers, including community-based locations.
• Eligibility determinations and a list of nearby providers where appointments can be also be scheduled through New York’s new 'Am I Eligible " app.

• New Yorkers can begin calling the New York State Vaccination Hotline at 4PM on Monday, January 11: **1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829).** The COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline is open 7AM - 10PM, 7 days a week, for scheduling vaccination appointments for eligible New Yorkers.

• Supply of vaccine is very limited and will fluctuate daily, so you may not be able to make an appointment right away.

• Vaccine sites are scheduling appointments no more than a couple of weeks out because there is uncertainty about vaccine supply.

• **New York will expand to a larger provider network for vaccine distribution.** To assist with Phase 1B vaccine administration and those 65+, the expanded network will include doctor networks, Federally Qualified Health Centers, county health departments, ambulatory centers and pharmacies. Starting the week of January 11, 500 pharmacies will come online to assist in the vaccine distribution. All of these new providers will begin accepting vaccination reservations on Monday. See: Announcement, Sites and Providers

**Vaccination Sites & Administration**

• On April 19, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the opening of the American Museum of Natural History vaccine site. This site, which operates from 8 am to 6 pm, Friday-Tuesday, prioritizes public housing residents and staff, cultural workers and members of DC 37 but gives access to the general public as well. Read more [here](#) See: Press Release

• **Bodega associations will receive 1,000 doses** of Johnson & Johnson to vaccinate bodega workers during April 2021. Members can email United Bodegas of America ([mamayoro307@yahoo.com](mailto:mamayoro307@yahoo.com)) or the Yemeni American Merchants Association ([info@yamausa.org](mailto:info@yamausa.org)) to register for an appointment. Once the 1,000 appointments are gone, bodega workers can click [here](#) to see how to register for an appointment at a City, State, pharmacy, or private site.
On April 2, 2021, the Governor announced the opening of 18 new community-based pop-up vaccination sites at houses of worship, community centers, gathering spaces, and local businesses. A full list of new locations can be found here.

**Appointments are available at ten new state-run mass vaccination sites across the state.** All ten sites will open on **Friday, March 19**, and will operate from 8:00am to 7:00pm daily. Each site will have the ability to vaccinate more than one thousand New Yorkers daily dependent on supply from the federal government. Appointments at the sites located in New York City, Long Island, Hudson Valley, Capital Region, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley and Western New York regions available for booking at [ny.gov/GetVaccinated](http://ny.gov/GetVaccinated) or by calling the NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

If you are eligible, you can use the [NYC Vaccine Finder](http://nyc.vaccinefinder.com) to find a vaccination location near you and make an appointment.

Check [SOMOS](http://somas.org) vaccine sites.

New York-Presbyterian has created a hotline to offer aid with scheduling for eligible New Yorkers: 646-838-0319.

The governor announced on March 3, 2021, that domestic travelers will no longer be required to quarantine or test-out within 90 days of full vaccination. International Travelers Must Continue to Follow CDC Guidance. See: [Press Release](https://www.ny.gov/news/domestic-travelers-will-no-longer-be-required-quarantine-or-test-out-within-90-days-1-70268).

The governor announced on March 4, 2021 that **12 Community-Based Pop-Up Vaccination Sites** are coming online this week to vaccinate more than **4,000** New Yorkers throughout the week. Read [Press Release](https://www.ny.gov/news/community-based-pop-up-vaccination-sites-coming-online-week-vaccinate-more-than-4000-new-yorkers-throughout-this-week-1-70274). With increased federal supply, New York will continue to establish these sites at all **33** NYCHA senior housing developments, and **300** churches and cultural centers.

New York State is launching a new pilot program to begin administering the **Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine** to eligible New Yorkers during the overnight hours at the Yankee Stadium, Javits Center and New York State Fair Mass Vaccination Sites. As part of this effort, thousands of new appointments will be made available at each of the three sites in the coming days. Counties, pharmacies,
and Federally Qualified Health Centers will also be receiving Johnson & Johnson allocations this week.

- Eligible Bronx Residents seeking appointments being made available at Yankee Stadium as part of this pilot program, should visit Somosvaccinations.com or call 1-833-SomosNY, beginning at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

- Eligible New Yorkers seeking appointments at the Javits Center or New York State Fair sites can do so by utilizing New York's Am I Eligible website or by calling the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

- This pilot will not impact ongoing operations focused on administering the Pfizer vaccine. Specific pilot details for each site are as follows:

**Yankee Stadium (Bronx Residents Only)**

- **Address:** 1 E 161 St, The Bronx, NY 10451
- **Pilot Start Date:** Thursday, March 4
- **Pilot Hours of Operation:** 8 p.m. - 7 a.m.
- **Appointments:**
  
  Appointments go live at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3
  
  Eligible Bronx Residents seeking appointments should visit Somosvaccinations.com or call 1-833-SomosNY

- Starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, eligible New Yorkers will be able to schedule a vaccination appointment at the Javits Center during their extended hours: from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. This is a pilot program by the state to provide the one-time Johnson & Johnson vaccination to New Yorkers. Appointments during these hours will be available until the initial supply of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is used.
Javits Center
Address: 429 11th Ave, New York, NY 10001
Appointments: Eligible New Yorkers seeking appointments should visit New York's 'Am I Eligible' website or call the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

- Looking for scheduling tips, available appointments, or assistance, check out the New York COVID-19 Information Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/204675344701435

- Medgar Evers College and York College vaccination centers open
  February 24, 2021 by appointment. Both these sites, established in partnership with FEMA, will vaccinate 3,000 New Yorkers a day, seven days a week.
    o For the Medgar Evers College vaccination center, eligible New Yorkers who live in the following ZIP codes can book an appointment today: 11207, 11212, 11208, 11206, 11233, 11213, 11221, 11226, 11236, 11216, 11225, 11210, 11203, 11238.
    o For the York College vaccination center, eligible residents in these ZIP codes can book today: 11436, 11434, 11433, 11419, 11413, 11412, 11422, 11429, 11420, 11411, 11418, 11435, 11428, 11423, 11432, 11427, 11439, 11691, 11692, 11693.
    o On Saturday, February 27, 2021, scheduling opens to any eligible resident of Queens or Brooklyn. If you're eligible, schedule your appointment HERE or by calling 1-833-967-4829. Starting Wednesday, you can also head over to either site in person to schedule an appointment if you are eligible.

- Beginning March 1, the MTA will launch a pilot program to enhance bus services to help get New Yorkers to mass vaccination sites in Brooklyn and Queens. The bus service route will go from Edgemere Houses in Queens and Pink Houses in Brooklyn to the vaccination sites from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and add new bus stops adjacent to the vaccination site at York College.

- The State is opening two mass vaccination sites in socially vulnerable communities in collaboration with the federal government. The two sites will be established at
York College in Queens and Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn. Opening the week of February 24, these two sites will vaccinate approximately 3,000 New Yorkers a day over an eight-week period. See: Press Release

• **The state will open 20 mass vaccination sites over the next several weeks, including Javits Center in New York City on January 13, 2021.** See: Press Release

• On Friday, February 5, 2021, a mass vaccination site at Yankee Stadium will open through a partnership among New York State, New York City, SOMOS Community Care, the New York National Guard, and the New York Yankees. This site will be reserved specifically for Bronx residents. If you're a Bronx resident who is eligible for the vaccine, schedule an appointment by visiting Somosvaccinations.com or by calling 1-833-SOMOSNY.

• **Thirty-five pop-up vaccination sites are coming online this week at churches, community centers, public housing complexes and cultural centers across the state.** These sites are expected to vaccinate over 25,000 people throughout the week, with more sites coming online every week. Since January 15, the deployment of community vaccination kits has enabled nearly 9,000 New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose, often in communities where there are very limited health care options. Learn more. (Feb. 2, 2021)

• **Governor Cuomo** announced on Sunday, January 24 that New York will expand its current deployment of vaccination kits to more communities around the State.
  
  o Four additional NYCHA sites will receive vaccination kits.
  o Additional churches will receive vaccination kits as well.
  o Work is underway to deploy to all **33 NYCHA senior housing developments** in order to provide seniors with easier access to vaccines.
  o This effort will expand into public housing complexes throughout New York and to more than 300 churches. Read more here.

• **As of January 19, 2021, five new State-run vaccination sites opened across New York State.** Vaccination sites at SUNY Stony Brook, the Aqueduct Racetrack in Queens, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Buffalo and Plattsburgh International
Airport are open and vaccinating eligible New Yorkers against the COVID-19 virus. Vaccinations are by appointment only.

- **New York State and New York-Presbyterian Hospital launched a new vaccination site for eligible New Yorkers in Washington Heights on January 14, 2021.** This new site, at Fort Washington Armory in Upper Manhattan, was made possible thanks to a partnership with Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Irving Medical Center. The site is offering vaccinations to **New Yorkers age 65 and up** and appointments can be scheduled online through the NewYork-Presbyterian Connect Online Patient Portal. Appointments are required.

- Gov. Cuomo signed an executive order to expand the types of professions of who can administer a vaccine to include licensed practical nurses, pharmacists and their technicians, midwives, dentists, dental hygienists, podiatrists, EMTs, and eligible students. All eligible New Yorkers wishing to become vaccinators must undergo training. Learn more [here](#).

- New York is mandating social equity and fair distribution among the groups included in 1B to ensure fair treatment and proportionate allocations both by group and by region. The state will open distribution sites in underserved areas to ensure social equity.

- The Office of the New York State Attorney General Letitia James issued an [alert](#) about potential scams offering early access to the vaccine at a cost and to acquire personal information. Beware of anyone who calls, e-mails, or texts you offering early access to a COVID-19 vaccine. Some scammers are also using online platforms. Scammers may impersonate public health authorities from organizations such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO). They may also offer to ship a COVID-19 vaccine directly to homes, provide special access to vaccines or clinical trial treatments, or sell special cold storage devices for vaccines. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful activity, please [report these incidents to the Attorney General’s office](#).

**NEW YORK CITY**
The MTA released a new digital feature to help locate vaccine sites. The MTA's Live Subway Map can be used to find vaccination sites in New York City. The map includes links with each location that directs users to the appropriate scheduling website. If the site takes appointments over the phone, the map provides the phone number.

The list of New Yorkers currently eligible and those soon-to-be-eligible to receive the vaccine in NYC can be found here. If you are eligible, you can use the NYC Vaccine Finder to find a vaccination location near you and make an appointment.

New York City DOHMH has created a Vaccine web page to keep New Yorkers up to date. You can access it here: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page

- Mayor de Blasio and the Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity outlined the City’s Vaccine Equity Plan and launched the vaccine command center on Friday, Dec. 11. Through targeted outreach and a network of trusted community messengers, the City will ensure equitable vaccine distribution to the 27 hardest-hit neighborhoods identified by the Task Force. The City will also open a dedicated Vaccine Command Center, led by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner Dave Chokshi, to coordinate vaccine distribution across the City. The center will track critical metrics on vaccine coverage, with a priority focus on the 27 neighborhoods.

- The City will use NYCHA space—including NYC Health + Hospitals clinics—to vaccinate priority populations, following the successful partnership model the City established with NYCHA for COVID-19 testing. Through a broader outreach effort, the City will work with NYCHA residents, community partners, and faith leaders to distribute accurate and trustworthy information about the vaccine and improve the distribution process.

- Mayor de Blasio announced on December 31, 2020, an ambitious goal
for the city to administer **1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses** by the end of January 2021.

- Using the **Vaccine Command Center** in coordination with health and administering facilities, the mayor plans to double New York City's weekly vaccination, with a goal of **400,000** doses per week by the end of the month.
  - The mayor also hopes to begin vaccinating educators, schools staff, first responders (cops, firefighters, etc.,) soon. Read more [here](#).
  - To increased vaccine capacity, pop-up sites and vaccine hubs will be assembled with partnering organizations.
  - There will be two new **vaccine pop-up clinics**, five new **NYC Health + Hospitals vaccination sites** and three new **NYC Vaccine Hubs**.

- The first three openings for Sunday, January 10, 2021) are:
  - Brooklyn - **Bushwick Educational Campus** at 400 Irving Avenue
  - Queens - **Hillcrest High School** at 160-05 Highland Avenue
  - Bronx - **South Bronx Educational Campus** at 701 St. Ann's Avenue

- The goal is to have:
  - **250 sites** by the end of January,
  - people working **7-days** a week,
  - questions or need information click [here](#).

- **Employment:** On March 9, 2021, Mayor de Blasio announced the **Vaccine for All Corps**, a civilian corps for workers to join NYC's vaccination effort. The City will recruit 2,000 New Yorkers to serve their communities, with a priority focus on residents in the 33 neighborhoods identified by the Task Force for Racial Inclusion and Equity. Public recruitment is currently underway for jobs in Staten Island, the Rockaways, and The Bronx. The Corps is currently hiring for clinical roles, including vaccinators, as well as support and administrative roles. Training for new hires will be managed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Interested jobseekers should visit [nyc.gov/vaccinejobs](https://nyc.gov/vaccinejobs). Recruitment for Vaccine for All Corps jobs is led by the Workforce1 Career Center System operated by the NYC Department of Small Business Services
NYC SPECIFIC INFORMATION: ROLL OUT OF VACCINATIONS

- **New Vaccination Site: Fulton Community Center**
  On March 31, 2021, the city announced it will open a new vaccination site at the Fulton Community Center in Chelsea, Manhattan in collaboration with Hudson Guild and Google. The new vaccination site located at 119 Ninth Avenue will offer more than 200 appointments per day and will be open 5 days a week, from Tuesday through Saturday. The site will open April 7 for nearby NYCHA residents, and all eligible New Yorkers will be able to make appointments at this location starting April 12. See details [Here](#).

- **New Vaccination Site: Flatbush YMCA**
  On March 30, 2021, the city announced it will open a new vaccination site at the Flatbush YMCA in Flatbush, Brooklyn, with plans to open additional sites in partnership with YMCA. The new vaccination site will initially offer more than ~150 appointments per day gradually increasing to more than 2,300 per week and will be open seven days a week from 9am to 6pm. This site opens today, and is available for all eligible new Yorkers to make an appointment. See: [Press Announcement](#).

- **The City is relocating high school vaccine sites or modifying appointment hours now that high schools have reopened.** On March 25, 2021, the A. Philip Randolph High School site has been moved to the City College North Academic Center (Amsterdam Ave. btwn W. 136th and W. 138th Sts.). Everyone with an appointment at a high school site should receive a text, call, or email from the City with updated location or rescheduling details. Transportation will be provided to the new site for anyone 65+ who shows up to the original location.

- A new **NYCHA residents-only vaccine site** has opened at Johnson Community Center (1833 Lexington Ave. btwn 112th and 115th Sts.), a partnership between NYCHA and NYC Health + Hospitals. The site is open every Thursday-Sunday from
now through 6/20, 8 am - 6 pm. All NYCHA residents eligible for the vaccine can make an appointment by calling 332-240-3330. Bring to your appointment: government-issued photo ID, proof of eligibility for the vaccine, and proof of NYCHA residency. See current vaccine eligibility criteria here (50+, certain jobs, and certain health conditions).

- **A 24-hour vaccination site opens at Citi Field stadium on Wednesday, February 10.** Those eligible for the vaccine at this site include:
  - Taxi and Limousine Commission-licensed drivers;
  - Food delivery workers; and
  - Eligible Queens residents.

  - The site will open at 10 a.m.
  - For those residents in Queens who are eligible, you can make an appointment by clicking here or calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692). Watch more here.

- **As of February 2,** in addition to group 1A and those previously eligible as part of group 1B, taxi and limousine drivers (TLC licensees, including ride-hailing app drivers) and restaurant workers are also eligible. Learn more about who is currently eligible for vaccination.
  - Restaurant workers (including app-based delivery workers);
  - Taxi and for-hire vehicle drivers; and
  - Developmental disability facility residents and staff.

See the full eligibility list and how to make an appointment

- **Seniors age 65 or older who are unable to make their own arrangements and need transportation to and from a COVID-19 vaccination appointment can sign up for transportation through the City,** Mayor de Blasio announced on January 17, 2021. Older New Yorkers age 65 and over who make
an appointment for vaccine at a City-operated site will be asked whether they have a way to get to and from their appointment. If they require transportation, they will be screened and directed to transportation options, including Access-a-Ride, ambulette services, cab service via Curb and in a few weeks, transportation by select Senior Center programs. See: Press Release

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Finder** (NEW): If you are eligible to receive a vaccination, use the Vaccine Finder to search for a location near you.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**: Learn which groups are currently eligible for the vaccine.

The NYC Health Department vaccine reservation website has been launched on January 11 at: [https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/](https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/). Once you access the website, you will be prompted to enter your address or zip code, and you will be able to see all open vaccine sites within the existing health care infrastructure (Federally Qualified Health Centers, Urgent Care Centers, pharmacies, doctors’ offices) in New York City. For each vaccine site, a phone number or website link is provided to schedule an appointment.

- **New Yorkers may also call the City Hotline to make a vaccine reservation**: 877-VAX-4NYC. Hotline hours are currently 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Supply of vaccine is very limited and will fluctuate daily, so you may not be able to make an appointment right away.
- Vaccine sites are scheduling appointments no more than a couple of weeks out because there is uncertainty about vaccine supply.

- In addition to the NYS and NYC vaccine reservation websites, New Yorkers can also schedule an appointment at a Mount Sinai Hospital facility by visiting Mount Sinai’s reservation directly at: [https://www.mountsinai.org/about/covid19/vaccine-information/schedule](https://www.mountsinai.org/about/covid19/vaccine-information/schedule).
- Beginning Monday, January 11, 2021, vaccine sites will open in partnership
with SOMOS and FDNY for frontline City workers who qualify for Phase 1B. For eligible individuals under Phase 1A, the first of two 24/7 mass vaccination sites opened this Sunday in the Bronx and Brooklyn, and well as three Vaccination Hubs.

- **SOMOS**
  - Bronx: X410 Taft High School
  - Brooklyn: George Wingate High School
  - Manhattan: Brandeis High School

- **FDNY**
  - Queens: John Adams High School
  - Staten Island: Susan Wagner High School

- **Other Vaccine Hubs open:**
  - **Brooklyn**
    - Bushwick Educational Campus
    - 400 Irving Avenue
  - **Queens**
    - Hillcrest High School
    - 160-05 Highland Avenue

- **Bronx**
  - South Bronx Educational Campus
  - 701 St. Ann’s Avenue

- **Additional Vaccination Hubs**
  - The City will open 12 additional vaccine hubs beginning Friday, January 15th.
  - The hubs will be open from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, seven days a week.
Brooklyn
Abraham Lincoln High School 2800 Ocean Parkway
Bushwick Educational Campus 400 Irving Avenue
Canarsie High School 1600 Rockaway Parkway
George Westinghouse Vocational HS 105 Johnson Street

Manhattan
Marta Valle Secondary School 145 Stanton Street
Wadleigh Campus/I.S. 88 215 West 114 Street

Queens
August Martin High School 156-10 Baisley Boulevard
Beach Channel Educational Campus 100-00 Beach Channel Drive
Hillcrest High School 160-05 Highland Avenue
Aviation High School 45-30 36th Street

Staten Island
Port Richmond H.S. 85 St Joseph's Avenue Staten Island
Staten Island Technical High School 485 Clawson Street Staten Island

Bronx
Walton Educational School 2780 Reservoir Avenue Bronx
Adlai E. Stevenson High School 1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx
South Bronx Educational Campus 701 Saint Ann's Avenue Bronx

Finding a Vaccine Appointment

- TurboVax.com aggregates available appointments at 43 City- and State-run vaccine
You may follow the TurboVax Twitter account for availability notifications. But this is not exhaustive. Use it alongside these other City-, State-, private-, and volunteer-run sites below, some of which are limited by eligibility category and may not have appointments available at the moment. Hospital networks also have their own vaccine sign-up procedures.

- NYC COVID Vaccine Finder
- NYS eligibility survey
- NYC Vaccine List
- Walgreens (select locations starting Friday, 2/12 for those 65+)
- CVS (select locations starting Friday, 2/12 for those 65+)
- RiteAid (for those 65+)
- East Harlem Costco (for those 65+)
- SOMOS

Free transportation to vaccine sites is available through Curb (646-349-0289) and Hunter Ambulance (718-991-2211).

IMPORTANT STEPS TO GETTING A VACCINATION

- Follow these steps to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination in any facility in New York State or City:

  1. Schedule an appointment by phone or online (keep trying if you do not get through or cannot get an appointment right away)

     1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829) or for NYC 1-877-VAX-4NYC

  2. Complete the NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Form before getting the vaccine. The State requires the provider administering the vaccine to check completion of the form.

     o Complete the form online: https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine,

OR
3. You must wear a face covering and social distance while at the vaccine site.

4. If you do not feel well on the day of your appointment, please stay home and reschedule your appointment.

5. Bring proof of eligibility. **Eligible essential workers will need to bring proof of employment, such as an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a recent pay stub.**

If you have concerns about the FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines, please take a look at the following fact sheet developed by the NYC Health Department: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-vaccines-faq.pdf.

**OTHER RESOURCES**


Check out [Testing and Vaccines Page](https://www.manhattanbp.org/testing-and-vaccines) from the Manhattan Borough President.

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