

Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District
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CoVID-19 VACCINATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I go to get vaccinated if I am in phase 1A or 1B?

You can get vaccinated through any provider that has CoVID-19 vaccines. A list of providers can be viewed on our website at www.cctexas.com/coronavirus under recent updates. Individuals that do not have providers or their provider/doctor did not sign up to be a CoVID-19 vaccine provider can get them at any Health District drive thru. Health District drive throughs are on a first come first serve basis for those that qualify under the open phase. You can also check the [Texas CoVID-19 Vaccine Provider Map](#) to view providers in your area.

How do I sign up to get vaccinated? Is there a pre-registration or sign-up somewhere?

The Health District registers qualifying individuals on site, which is at the CoVID-19 vaccination clinic. We ask that you bring your cell phone and a short sleeve shirt to facilitate administration and so we can help you register prior to receiving your vaccine on site. CoVID-19 vaccine providers have different processes set up.

***It is important to note that other providers have different registration processes. Please call that provider prior to showing up.*

Why do some people get Pre-registered?

With the Health District CoVID-19 vaccination clinic, individuals who qualify for the second dose will be allowed to pre-register. 2nd dose recipient's will get a reminder that their second dose is needed along with a link to pre-register. It is important that you register on a day that you can attend. If you miss your appointment or if vaccines are depleted before you receive your second dose for the drive thru-clinic, come to the next drive-thru and show up earlier since vaccines are still limited. Everyone will be offered this same pre-registration method when it is time for their 2nd dose.

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Is there a cost associated with the vaccine?

The Health District is offering the vaccine for **FREE**. We will continue to offer the vaccine free to the community until vaccines are no longer offered. Private providers/doctors' offices can charge an administrative fee. If your doctor is charging, check with your insurance provider to see if the cost will be covered.

Where is the Health District administering CoVID-19 Vaccines?

The Health District is currently administering CoVID-19 vaccines at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds which are located at:

1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd, Robstown, TX 78380

**location may change or may close weather permitting*

What days is the Health District Drive thru Clinic open?

The Health District has been working hard to open the same day vaccine arrives. Therefore, dates at this time are available based on vaccine availability.

When do you receive vaccines?

We receive notification of the time of arrival the evening before the vaccine arrives. This is done for the safety of the vaccine. Once we receive confirmation of the arrival, we will send out a news release. We encourage everyone to watch the news or follow the Health District's social media as it is also posted on there.

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What time does the clinic open and how long does it stay open?

We have been receiving vaccine around 10:30/11:00am. We try to open our clinic about one hour after the arrival of vaccine. The vaccine arrives frozen and proper thawing protocols must be followed to ensure the vaccine stays viable. Inclement weather may also play a factor on the day & the duration of the clinic. Get there timely.

If you received vaccine at 10:30am what time might the clinic open?

The Clinic would probably open around Noon time, that same day, at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown.

Which vaccines are the Health District administering? (as of 1/1/21)

The HD currently has only been receiving Moderna vaccine. We have no reason to believe that it will change at this point. For the most recent Moderna Fact Sheet, please visit www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua

How do I prove I have certain chronic medical conditions (or co-morbidities)?

You do not have to prove it. The Health District believes people are good people and would not lie to cut in front of others that are more vulnerable to getting this virus. The phases were set up by an expert panel of professionals set up by the Department of State Health Services to help those that are more likely to be infected with CoVID-19 or would develop more critical symptoms after infection. If you meet the criteria to be vaccinated please show up at one of our vaccination clinics.

Why were essential employees not mentioned in the first 2 phases?

The phases were defined by an expert panel consisting of health care, medical, public health professionals that had to decide who was at higher risk for contracting the disease first. While the phase may not say “essential employee” you still may fall into Phase 1A or 1B if you are over 65 or have chronic medical conditions.

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Why are some Nursing Homes residents not vaccinated yet?

Health and Human Services (HHS) oversees nursing homes. HHS has set up a system for them to be vaccinated by the larger pharmacy's, such as CVS, Walgreens, etc. Nursing homes were scheduled to start getting vaccinated on December 28th, 2020. There are many of these facilities in Texas so the roll-out seems slower than we all would like to see for this population. We know this population is extremely critical and as such the Health District as well as CC Fire have offered to vaccinate them as vaccine become available. Some have taken our offer and others have chosen to wait per corporate decision.

How can we help?

Get vaccinated when your time arrives and be patient with us. Our goal is to vaccinate our entire community. The vaccine is not mandatory, but we highly recommend that you receive the vaccine. If you decide to get vaccinated when it's your time, ensure your phone is fully charged and wear a loose-fitting shirt, so you can easily roll up your sleeve. When you arrive at the clinic, we will try to inform you as soon as possible if we have run out of vaccines. We do not want to make you wait any longer than we have to. If we run out, you can choose to wait for our next drive thru or visit any of the other providers/doctor's offices that have the vaccine as well. But make sure you call ahead to those places; they have different processes than us. We are working as fast and as hard as possible to get everyone vaccinated! You will be vaccinated soon.

Can I get CoVID-19 Vaccine if I just got my flu shot?

If you just received your Flu vaccine or any other vaccine, it is recommended that you wait at least 14 days before getting your CoVID-19 vaccine.

Can I get CoVID-19 Vaccine if I already had coronavirus?

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Yes, you may still get the vaccine, however you can wait up to 3 months after you were diagnosed with CoVID-19 because you may have antibodies that will protect you for at least 3 months after you picked up the virus.

What if I am pregnant/lactating (breast feeding) can I get vaccinated?

It is important that you discuss receiving the vaccine with your OB/GYN before making that decision. Making an informed decision with your OB/GYN input will be important as they will ensure they are monitoring your baby's growth. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna did clinical trials with women that were pregnant or lactating, so we do not have enough information on how these individuals fared. While we believe it is a safe and efficacious vaccine for this population, the data is not sufficient, nor has it been collected to prove its safety in this population group. Getting the CoVID-19 vaccine is a personal decision that only you can make.

What if I have an Immunosuppressed disorder can I get vaccinated?

It is important that you talk to your primary care physician. Once you have made the decision along with your medical provider's input you can get the vaccine. Clinical trials showed the vaccine was safe and efficacious but because you are immunosuppressed you may not receive as robust a response as someone that is not immunocompromised. Getting the CoVID-19 vaccine is a personal decision that only you can make.

What if I am currently sick with CoVID-19 can I get vaccinated?

While you are sick and a recent CoVID-19 diagnosis it is not recommended that you receive the vaccine. Once you have recovered you may receive the vaccine. You could wait to receive the vaccine up to 3 months after being diagnosed and recovered from CoVID-19 because your body would have made its own natural antibodies that may protect you for up to 3 months (this virus is still so novel we do not know how long you have protection against getting re-infected). Yes, you can get vaccinated for CoVID-19, if you had the virus in the past. We do not want anyone sick in our clinics because while most of us have been vaccinated, not all of us have and none of us have had the full series of the 2 required doses, at this time.

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Can I be forced to get vaccinated?

No. This vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and therefore you cannot be forced to get the vaccine. The Health District strongly recommends that you get vaccinated but will not force the vaccine on you. This must be a personal choice; we do encourage as many people to get vaccinated as possible. The more people that are vaccinated the faster we can put this pandemic behind us.

Warm regards,

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