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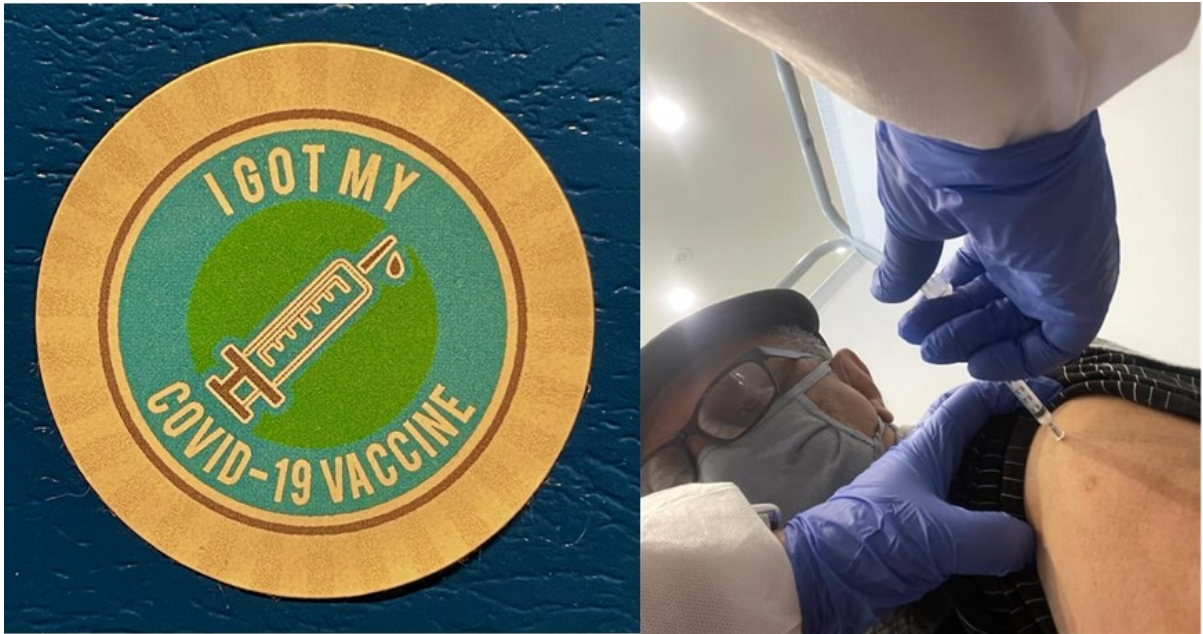
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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION  
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PEACE. I took the COVID-19 flu vaccine this morning at Bojangles Arena in beautiful East Charlotte. I'm feeling fine and I strongly recommend that everyone get vaccinated at the earliest opportunity. I've included information below that can be helpful in scheduling a time for the vaccine. Let's work to get vaccinated, beat COVID and get back to normal.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued emergency use authorizations (EUA) for two vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19. The vaccines were developed by *Pfizer/BioNTech* (ages 16 and older) and *Moderna* (ages 18 and older).

Multiple other vaccines to protect people from COVID-19 are in large-scale clinical trials to ensure they are safe and effective.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available in limited supply, with availability increasing through 2021 as supplies increase. Each vaccine requires two shots. The interval between doses for the Pfizer vaccine is 21 days; for Moderna, the interval is 28 days.

[FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccines](#) | Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

## When and where can I receive my COVID-19 vaccination?

Mecklenburg County Public Health is scheduling appointments for residents to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, per the [N.C. Vaccine Distribution Plan](#).

### Phase 1a

**Long Term Care staff and residents, and healthcare workers** identified as those:

- Caring for patients with COVID-19.
- Working directly in areas where patients with COVID-19 are cared for, including staff responsible for cleaning, providing food service, and maintenance in those areas.
- Performing procedures at high risk of aerosolization on patients with COVID-19 (e.g., intubation, bronchoscopy, suctioning, invasive dental procedures, invasive specimen collection, CPR).
- Handling decedents with COVID-19.

To make an appointment for Phase 1a: Carefully review the [Prioritization Framework for Healthcare Workers in Phases 1a and 1b](#). If you can attest that you or your staff fit in the current Phase 1a prioritization categories for MCPH and are not-affiliated with a hospital, please email [MeckCVMS@mecknc.gov](mailto:MeckCVMS@mecknc.gov) with specific details.

If you have already completed the CVMS registration, [click here](#) to make an appointment online or call 980-314-9400 Option 3 to schedule an appointment for your first dose with Mecklenburg County Public Health.

### Phase 1b: Group 1

**Mecklenburg County residents 75 years of age or older.**

Residents 75 years of age or older can [click here](#) to schedule an appointment online or call **980-314-9400 Option 3** to schedule an appointment for your first dose with Mecklenburg County Public Health.

[Click here for instructions](#) on creating an account and scheduling an appointment online.

A limited number of appointments are available due to current vaccine supply. No walk-ins are accepted at this time. Instructions regarding your **second dose** will be provided at your appointment for your first dose.

Mecklenburg County Public Health and its partners encourage everyone over the age of 75 to get vaccinated when it is available.

**WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**  
**Public Health Hotline: 980-314-9400**  
**Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and**  
**Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**This hotline is for general questions**  
**regarding COVID-19 and the Flu.**  
**If you have a medical emergency,**  
**call 911.**

### Where do I go for my vaccination appointment?

Public Health is administering vaccinations at **Bojangles Coliseum, 2700 East Independence Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28205** | [Map](#)

Enter from Briar Creek Road (exit 244 off East Independence Blvd). Park in sections 10-15 for nearest access.

### What might delay my appointment?

You will need to delay your vaccine if any of the following apply on the day of your appointment:

- You have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- You have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and have not been cleared from isolation.
- You have recently had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and have not completed your quarantine period.
- You have received another vaccine within the past 14 days.
- You have received passive antibody treatment for COVID-19 within the last 90 days

### Why are vaccines important?

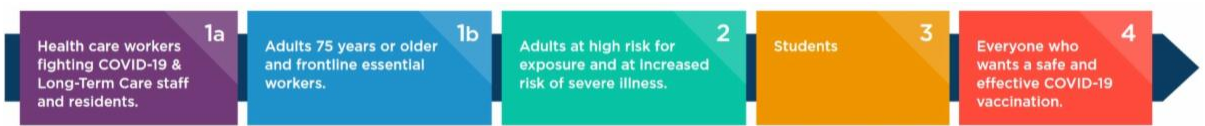
Vaccines help protect us, our children, and our communities against preventable diseases. They are tested to ensure safety and prevent up to 3 million deaths worldwide every year. Since vaccines were introduced, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or seen very rarely. Other diseases like measles and diphtheria have been reduced by up to 99.9% since their vaccines were introduced.

[Why vaccinate?](#) | Department of Health and Human Services

### How are recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine prioritized?

The supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine are limited and prioritized for specific groups at highest risk, including **healthcare workers, people in long-term care facilities**, and adults 75 years or older. As supplies increase, all adults should be able to get vaccinated later in 2021. A COVID-19 vaccine may not be available for young children until more studies are completed.

### N.C. Vaccination Distribution Plan



**Phase 1a:** Health care workers fighting COVID-19 & Long-Term Care staff and residents: December 2020

- Health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19, including staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance in those areas
- Health care workers administering vaccine.
- Long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes.

**Phase 1b:** Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers: Early January 2021

There is not enough vaccine for everyone in this phase to be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinations will be available to groups in the following order:

- Group 1: Anyone 75 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation.
- Group 2: Health care workers and frontline essential workers 50 years or older.
  - The CDC defines frontline essential workers as first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers.
- Group 3: Health care workers and frontline essential workers of any age.

**Phase 2:** Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness: TBD. Vaccinations will happen by group in the following order:

- Group 1: Anyone 65-74 years old, regardless of health status or living situation.
- Group 2: Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation.
- Group 3: Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function.
- Group 4: Essential workers not yet vaccinated.
  - The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers.

**Phase 3:** Students: TBD

- College and university students.
- K-12 students age 16 and over. Younger children will only be vaccinated when the vaccine is approved for them.

**Phase 4:** Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination: TBD

Learn more about North Carolina’s plan for vaccine prioritization and distribution at [NC DHHS COVID-19: Vaccines](#) or view this [Infographic of Vaccine Phases](#).

## How are healthcare providers prioritized to receive the vaccine in Phase 1a?

Healthcare providers at highest risk for exposure due to job roles or vital to the COVID vaccine response are prioritized first for the initial limited supply of doses sent to hospitals and Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH).

Review the [Prioritization Framework for Healthcare Workers in Phase 1a and 1b](#). If you can attest that you or your staff fit in the current Phase 1a prioritization categories for MCPH and are not-affiliated with a hospital, please email [MeckCVMS@mecknc.gov](mailto:MeckCVMS@mecknc.gov) with specific details. MCPH will respond to all emails and calls answered within 48 hours.

Information will continue to be updated on this web page and/or sent to the Mecklenburg County Health Advisory listserv. [Sign up here](#) to receive health advisories via e-mail and/or fax. [Click here](#) to view previous advisories for healthcare providers.

[Vaccine recommendations](#) | CDC

## How do I know the vaccine is safe?



**Scientists had a head start.** Although the vaccines were developed quickly, they were built upon years of work in developing vaccines for similar viruses.

**Testing was thorough and successful.** More than 70,000 people participated in clinical trials for two vaccines to see if they are safe and effective. To date, the vaccines are nearly 95% effective in preventing COVID-19 with no safety concerns.

**There are no safety concerns for senior citizens.** Clinical trials ensured the vaccines meet safety standards and protect adults of different races, ethnicities, and ages, including adults over the age of 65, who mounted a strong immune response.

**There is no COVID-19 virus in the vaccine.** The vaccine imitates the infection so that our bodies think a germ like the virus is attacking. This creates the antibody defenses we need to fight off COVID-19 if and when the real germ attacks.

## What are the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine?

- The vaccine will help protect you from getting COVID-19.
- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you.
- If you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.
- Getting the vaccine, in addition to wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing hands, is an important tool to stop the pandemic.

## If I have allergies, can I still get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Most people with allergies can still get the COVID vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines that people who have ever had a severe allergic reaction, known as anaphylaxis, to **any ingredient in a COVID-19 vaccine** should not get it, and to consult their doctor about getting the vaccine.

Individuals with severe allergic reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) to another vaccine or injectable medication should consult with their medical provider; this is not an absolute contraindication to get the vaccine.

[COVID-19 Vaccines and Severe Allergic Reactions](#) | CDC

## What is the cost of the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to everyone at no cost to the person receiving the vaccine, no matter whether you have health insurance.

IF YOU LEAVE HOME, KNOW YOUR Ws!



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OR USE HAND SANITIZER.

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 **NO REUNIONS EN GRUPOS.**

## Can I stop wearing a mask and social distancing if I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

No, do not stop wearing a mask and social distancing.

While we learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using **all the tools** available to us to help stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following the CDC’s recommendations for how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.



- [/Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Trusted Sources on Vaccine Information](#) | Immunization Action Coalition
- [Misconceptions about Vaccines](#) | College of Physicians in Philadelphia
- [Top 20 Questions on Vaccination](#) | College of Physicians in Philadelphia
- [Facts About COVID-19 Vaccination](#) | CDC
- [8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning for COVID-19](#) | CDC
- [What is an EUA? \(Video\)](#) | FDA
- [Understanding how COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#) | CDC
- [Herd Immunity and What you Need to Know](#) | Mayo Clinic
- [COVID-19 Vaccination 101 \(PPT\)](#) | N.C. Department Of Health and Human Services

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