

# COVID-19 Vaccine in DuPage County: Our Best Shot against COVID-19

**Tested, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines will help us get back in control of our lives and back to the people and places we love.**

## Scientists had a head start.

The vaccines were built upon decades of work to develop vaccines for similar viruses.

## Tested, safe and effective.

More than 70,000 people volunteered in clinical trials for two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) to see if they are safe and work to prevent COVID-19 illness. Volunteers included Black/African Americans, Hispanic/LatinX, Asians and others.

To date, the vaccines are about 95% effective in preventing COVID-19 with no serious safety concerns noted in the clinical trials. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) makes sure the vaccines are safe and can prevent people from getting COVID-19. Like all drugs, vaccine safety continues to be monitored after they are in use.

## You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

You may have temporary reactions like a sore arm, headache or feeling tired and achy for a day or two after receiving the vaccine.

## Take your shot at no cost.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to everyone for free, including individuals who do not have health insurance or legal immigration status.

## You'll need two shots to build up your immunity.

After a person gets a first dose, they will need to come back 21 to 28 days later for a second dose.

## Continue to practice the 3 Ws until everyone has their shot at fighting COVID-19.

Wear a mask. Watch your distance. Wash your hands. That's the best way to protect each other until everyone gets their shot.



Estimated Population and Vaccination Timeline

## You will have a spot to take your shot.

A vaccine will be available to all who are eligible and want it. Since supplies will be limited at first, vaccine will be prioritized through a phased approach:

- Phase 1a:** Healthcare personnel and congregate care staff and residents.
- Phase 1b:** Front line essential workers and those aged 65+.
- Phase 1c:** Those persons aged 16 to 64 years with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19, and other essential workers.
- Phase 2:** Larger number of vaccines are available. The rest of the population.

Group recommendations will likely change, depending on the vaccines available, supply, and disease spread in the community.

## Stay informed.

You can learn more about the vaccine, its safety and effectiveness, and planning efforts in DuPage County at:

[www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine)

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