

# 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.

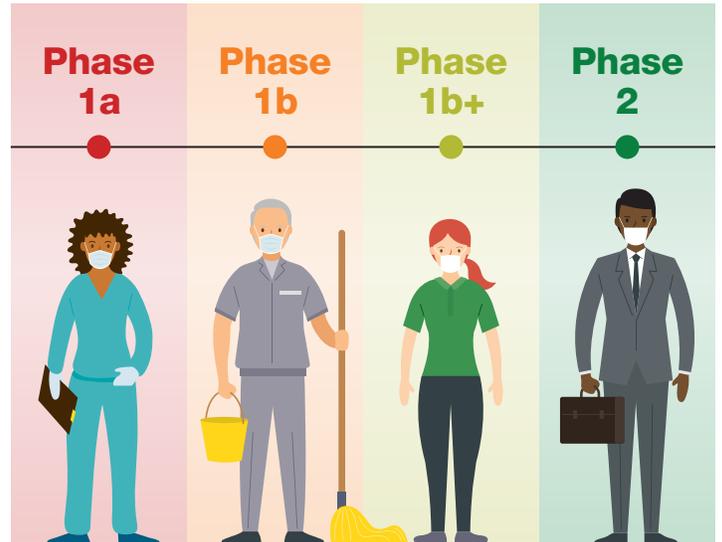
The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to everyone for free, including individuals who do not have health insurance or legal immigration status.

### 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:** Frontline essential workers and persons 65 years and older
- **Phase 1b+:** Persons 16 to 64 with high-risk medical conditions. Additional identified essential workers (formerly part of Phase 1c).
- **Phase 2:** The rest of the population 16 years and older.

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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