COVID-19 Vaccine Information

This is a message from East Bay Sanctuary Covenant to share important information on the COVID-19 vaccine. **The COVID-19 vaccine, as well as testing and treatments, is safe, free, and will not affect your immigration status or applications.** Everyone ages 5 and over can now get a free COVID-19 vaccine regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

Frequently Asked Questions

Updates:

- ➤ The **Omicron variant** is highly contagious and rapidly spreading. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people are at risk of contracting COVID-19. However, the symptoms are far less severe and unlikely to lead to hospitalization or death for vaccinated people. To slow the spread:
    - ○ **Get vaccinated** (see below for resources)
    - ○ **Get the booster** (see below for eligibility)
    - ○ **Wear a mask** in public places
    - ○ **Get tested** regularly - click **here** to find a testing site in Alameda County
- ➤ **Children ages 5-15** can receive the Pfizer vaccine; **anyone over the age of 18** can receive Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson vaccines
- ➤ **Boosters** are available and encouraged if:
    - ○ 5 months have passed since your second dose of Moderna (for 18+)
    - ○ 5 months have passed since your second dose of Pfizer (for 12+)
    - ○ 2 months have passed since your Johnson & Johnson dose (for 18+)
- ➤ **At-home testing** is available for households (4 FREE rapid tests per household). Visit **covidtests.gov** to place your order.

Resources:

- ➤ **Vaccines.gov** - Find a vaccination site near you by entering your zip code, OR text your zip code to **438829**

- ➤ **My Turn** - Official California website with info about eligibility and how to get vaccinated.

- ➤ **Where Can I Get a COVID-19 Vaccine in the Bay Area? Your Questions Answered** - In-depth and useful article describing who is eligible, how to use MyTurn, and where to go to get your vaccine.

- ➤ **La Clínica's Services During COVID-19** - Information about how to get vaccinated at La Clínica and more information about COVID-19.

- ➤ **Videos in Spanish about the Importance of Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine** - Watch a series of videos from doctors answering questions in Spanish about the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine. Watch the videos in Mam here.

- ➤ **Multilingual Videos about the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines** - Watch a short video about the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine. The video is offered in Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Dari, French, Karen, Nepali, Pashto, Somali, Spanish, and Tigrinya.

How do I Sign Up?

1. Talk to Your Health Care Provider, If You Have One

If you're currently eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine and you have health insurance, talk to your provider first about how you should get your shot. If you don't have health insurance but get medical care through a city/county-run provider, you can check with that location.

2. Check Your County's Information

If you're eligible but getting the vaccine through your current provider isn't an option — or if you don't have health insurance or a regular health care provider — check with your county to see if they have recommendations on where to obtain your COVID-19 vaccine, or suggest specific locations (find your county in our list.) These vaccination appointments will be based on the doses that the state has supplied your county with.

- ➤ **Alameda County:** Inscribirse en https://www.primarybio.com/r/alco-vax-signup or call the Alameda County Community Vaccination hotline: 510-208-4829
- ➤ **Contra Costa County:** Sign up at https://covidvaccine.cchealth.org/COVIDVaccine/ or call Contra Costa Health Services: 1-833-829-2626
- ➤ **Marin County:** Sign up at https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccinefinder or call 833-641-1988
- ➤ **San Mateo County:** Sign up at https://myturn.ca.gov/index.html or call the CA COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-422-4255

3. Use My Turn

My Turn is the state's tool that allows Californians to see instantly if they're currently eligible for the vaccine, sign up for notifications about eligibility and future appointment scheduling, and to schedule vaccination appointments as supplies allow.

My Turn will assess your eligibility based on the county you live in, and which groups that county is vaccinating right now. If you're eligible, the site will show you available appointments within 50 miles of the location you provide.

My Turn is now available in the following eight languages, which you can select in the first drop-down menu: English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, Korean and Arabic.

[You can also] call the California COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m PT) and sign up over the phone. Both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking operators are available. Callers needing information in other languages will be connected to a translation service that offers 254 other languages.

4. Call Your Local Pharmacy

Call your local pharmacy to see if they're offering the COVID-19 vaccine and to whom. Several pharmacies are also offering online appointments, although please note that low vaccine supply means that available appointments are looking scarce right now.

- CVS COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments
- Rite Aid COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments
- Walgreens COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments (or call 1-800-WALGREENS, 1-800-925-4733)
- Costco's COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

The volunteer-run site VaccinateCA shows pharmacies near you that are offering vaccinations. You can also see these pharmacies using VaccineFinder, a tool run by Boston Children's Hospital in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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