

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION



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*This information is based on current evidence regarding the COVID-19 vaccine as of January 2021. As more information is available, this document will be modified.

1 WHO WILL GET VACCINATED FIRST?

As of January 2021, Georgia is in Phase 1A of the vaccination. This includes health care workers, people living in long-term care facilities and staff, seniors 65+ and caregivers and law enforcement (including police, fire, EMS and 911 dispatchers).

2 WHAT PHASE/GROUP AM I IN TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

Georgia follows the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines on who is included in each phase of the vaccine distribution. After Phase I, Phase IB will include non-health care essential workers. Phase 1C includes all others between the ages of 16-64 with serious medical conditions that increases their risk for severe Covid-19. You can check the Georgia Department of Public Health website at <https://www.dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine> for up to date information on which vaccine phase Georgia is currently in.

3 WHERE CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

One place you can get the vaccine is through the Southeast Health District, which is giving vaccines through several county health departments in southeast Georgia. You can verify your eligibility and make an appointment by calling 1-855-473-4374. Some pharmacies (including pharmacies in grocery stores like Ingles, Kroger and Publix) and community health centers also have limited supplies of vaccine. You can go to the Georgia Department of Public Health website at <https://www.dph.ga.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site> for information on places in your county that are offering vaccine.

Once the vaccine is widely available, the plan is to have several thousand sites offering COVID-19 vaccines in doctors' offices, retail pharmacies, hospitals, federally qualified community health centers and county health departments.

4 EFFECTIVENESS

There are two vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna. With either vaccine, you must get two shots. The Pfizer vaccine has been shown to be 95% effective 7 days after the second dose and 94% effective in adults over age 65. The Moderna vaccine has been shown to be 94% effective after the second dose. These results were the same for males and females and across age, race and ethnicity.

5 IS THE VACCINE SAFE?

Before the FDA approves a vaccine, there is rigorous research and testing to ensure the vaccine's safety and effectiveness. The FDA reviews and verifies the information from these tests. It is then decided whether the vaccine can be licensed and given to the public.

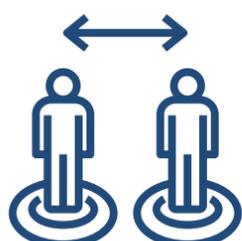
- No major safety concerns were uncovered in the FDA's review of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

6 CAN I GET COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINE?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and cannot cause COVID-19.

7 ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

The most common known side-effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are short-term injection site pain, and flu like symptoms. These effects are temporary and are in line with side effects some people experience from some other vaccines, including the flu shot and the vaccine to prevent shingles. Some people have more severe side effects, but these are very rare. If you are concerned, ask your doctor, clinic or the health department for more information.



For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination please visit : <https://www.sehdph.org/> OR <https://dph.georgia.gov/>



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