



COVID-19 Vaccines

Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary

1. When will I be able to receive a COVID-19 Vaccine?

Information about eligibility and timeline in Connecticut can be found at ct.gov/covidvaccine/access. The vaccination access and information change quickly, so please check back frequently for the most up-to-date information.

Vaccine – a substance to protect a person against a disease.

Vaccination – giving the substance to a person by a shot



2. Is the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory?

No. The State of Connecticut is not mandating vaccination.

Mandatory – something someone must do.



3. Where do I get a vaccine?

The state offers residents and workers several options for scheduling their COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

- There is an Vaccine Appointment Assist Line 877-918-2224.
- You may have to sign up on the VAMS system for some sites (instructions in Spanish available). <https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>

You will get an appointment, but it might take some time for appointments to open up. They will open up as vaccines become available.

Appointment – a time and place to meet someone.

4. If I get a vaccination, will my information be kept safe?

Personal identifying information such as your name, contact information, and address will be treated as confidential. It will only be shared with healthcare provider's office and the Department of Public Health.

Confidential – intended to be kept secret.

5. I don't have state-issued identification, will I be able to get a COVID-19 vaccination?

Yes, you can still be vaccinated. You can still get the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID. Staff at the vaccination site may ask you for an ID, but this only applies to people who have one. You should bring an ID, if you have one, to verify your name and eligibility information you submitted for the appointment, your insurance information if you have insurance.

Identification – process to prove who you are.

6. Is there a difference between the vaccinations that I can take?

There are only small differences, but both vaccines are highly effective based on trials. Pfizer and Moderna are two dosages and Johnson & Johnson is a single dose.

Dose – the amount of medicine.

7. Can the vaccine give me COVID-19?

No.

8. Can I still get COVID-19 after I'm vaccinated?

It takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means it's possible to get COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick. However, if you still get infected after you get vaccinated, the vaccine may prevent serious illness.

Immunity – able to not get a disease

Infected – have a disease



9. What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Those who receive the vaccine may experience mild symptoms of COVID-19 and soreness at the site of injection.

Symptoms – something that shows you are sick.

