

COVID-19 Vaccination in Maine

Maine is committed to an accessible, flexible and equitable vaccination effort.

Maine's vaccine distribution strategy aims to accomplish two goals: 1) to save lives by focusing on Maine people who are at greater risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19; and 2) to further protect and ensure the continuity of emergency response services and COVID-19 response infrastructure on which Maine people rely.

To learn more about the process and when you can expect your COVID-19 vaccination, please consult our <u>FAQs</u> and Latest Updates.



When can I get vaccinated?

Due to continued limits on vaccine availability, Maine has adopted a phased approach to providing vaccines that is generally consistent with recommendations by a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>advisory</u> <u>group</u>. More information will be provided as vaccine availability increases.

Maine is currently in Phase 1a.

Vaccinations are planned to proceed consecutively through the groups identified in the phases below. Vaccinations may not always occur precisely in this order due to the need to maximize all of the doses Maine receives.

Phase 1a: December through January

- Health Care Personnel Needed to Preserve Critical Health Care Services
- Residents and Staff of Long-Term Care Facilities
- Other Patient-Facing Health Care Personnel
- Public Safety Personnel
- COVID-19 Response Personnel

Phase 1b: February through April

- Older Mainers
- Adults of all Ages With High-Risk Medical Conditions

• Certain Front Line Essential Workers

Phase 1c: May and June

• Other Essential Workers

Phase 2: June and Beyond

• Persons aged 16-64 not otherwise eligible in an prior phase.

Read detailed descriptions of each phase to determine when you are eligible for vaccination.

How to get a vaccination

Health care, public safety, and critical COVID-19 infrastructure personnel should contact their employer or their professional associations to learn how to get a vaccine.

People age 70 and over may begin getting vaccinated, subject to vaccine availability and health system readiness, starting **January 18, 2021**. Health care providers authorized by Maine CDC for Phase 1b may start contacting patients to schedule a vaccine.

At this point, older Mainers should hold on calling their health care providers. Additional information on vaccination for people age 70 and older in Maine will be available the week of **January 18.**

Other people, including Maine people aged 65-69, should come back to this website periodically to learn when and how they can get a vaccine.

Information for the public

Although the vaccine is here, COVID-19 remains a serious public health crisis. While the vaccination process is underway, Maine people should continue to <u>wear masks (PDF)</u>, practice physical distancing and avoid gatherings at all times.

Latest vaccine updates

As vaccines become available, find the latest updates here.

Frequently asked questions

Get answers for frequently asked questions about vaccinations here.

Vaccine facts

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will keep you healthy and help stop the pandemic.

Information for vaccinators

Maine CDC is working to ensure the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine in Maine. These resources are available to assist and inform you about Maine's COVID-19 vaccination efforts, and will be updated regularly.

Vaccinator FAQs

The latest guidance for health care workers and other vaccinators from the U.S. CDC.

Health Provider Portal

The Maine Immunization Program's complete provider resource.

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