

# Alaska COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

## Alaska Vaccine Update February 22, 2021

Although vaccine is still limited at this time, everyone who wants to be vaccinated will eventually be able to get vaccinated. Thank you for staying engaged with these updates.

The State of Alaska is continuing to work through vaccine education and outreach to provide clarifying information about vaccine eligibility. At this time, eligibility has not changed and **Alaskans currently eligible to receive the COVID vaccine include:**

- People 65 years and above
- Most health care workers\*
- People 50 years and above with a [high-risk medical condition\\*](#)
- People 50 years and above working as a [frontline essential worker\\*](#)
- PreK–12 and child care education staff
- People living or working in [congregate settings\\*](#)

\*Limitations apply. See [covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov) for details

Please note: Vaccine managed by the Alaska Tribal Health System, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Department of Defense may have different eligibility criteria.

### How to find a vaccine appointment

Please visit [covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov) for helpful resources such as an eligibility quiz tool and step-by-step instructions on how to register for a vaccine appointment in your community. Phone assistance is also available to help you see if it's your turn to get vaccinated and help you find an appointment. Call 1-907-646-3322 from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on weekends. You may also email [covid19vaccine@alaska.gov](mailto:covid19vaccine@alaska.gov).

Appointments are limited but are being added on a regular basis. We expect more appointments in the coming week as we receive more vaccine in early March.

### Additional Vaccine Updates

#### AnchorRIDES Clarification (Anchorage area)

If you're 60 or older and need assistance getting to your COVID-19 vaccination appointment, AnchorRIDES can help. Schedule your vaccination appointment FIRST,

at least 2-7 days in advance. Call AnchorRIDES immediately AFTER your vaccination appointment is confirmed at 907.343.6543, option 2 to check for trip eligibility.

### **Pharmacy Partnership Information**

The [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) is a collaboration between the federal government, states, and pharmacy partners which will allow retail pharmacies in the program to receive COVID-19 vaccine from a separate federal allocation. These doses will be in addition to monthly state allocation of vaccines. Alaska's initial federal partners will be Walmart, Fred Meyer, Carrs/Safeway, and Walgreens. Once they receive their vaccine allocation, they will begin administering vaccine to eligible customers. Many other pharmacies who have been vaccinating in many communities around the state will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccine using state-allocated vaccine.

### **Resources to Review and Share**

1. [State of Alaska COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#)  
(Last Updated 2/10/21)
2. [Eligibility Quiz](#)
3. [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for all Alaskans](#)
4. Translated Informational Videos: "How Vaccines Work"
  - [Tongan](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
  - [Korean](#)
  - [Samoan](#)
  - [Hmong](#)
  - [Chinese Mandarin](#)
  - [Japanese](#)
  - [Vietnamese](#)
  - [Russian](#)

[Covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov)

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