

Who is eligible for vaccination at VA?

On March 24, 2021, President Biden signed the SAVE LIVES Act, expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination at VA to include:

All Veterans

- This includes anyone who served in the U.S. military including the National Guard, Reserves or Coast Guard
- Commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the U.S. Public Health Service
- Cadets or midshipmen of the U.S. military academies

Spouses of Veterans

- Spouses include those in same-sex and common law marriages; widows or widowers of Veterans; individuals who characterize their relationship as spousal can receive the vaccine.

Caregivers of Veterans

- A family member or friend who provides care to a Veteran. This includes helping the Veteran with personal needs like feeding, bathing, dressing or tasks like transportation and shopping.

CHAMPVA Recipients

- Spouses or children of permanently and totally disabled Veterans or of Veterans who have died from service-connected disabilities.

Get your vaccine at the first opportunity

Your employer, pharmacy, health care provider or local public health department may offer you a COVID-19 vaccine. Our goal is for you to be more protected from COVID-19 and we encourage you to take the first opportunity to get a vaccine.

Where can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the use of three vaccines to protect against COVID-19: the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccines.

VA is offering these vaccines at facilities nationwide.

VA facilities

Veterans, spouses, caregivers, CHAMPVA recipients:

- Visit www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/
- Learn about getting a vaccine at VA
- Sign up to tell us you'd like to get a vaccine at VA.
- Your local facility will contact you by phone, email or text to schedule your vaccination.
- Your facility may also invite you to a large vaccination event, like a drive-thru clinic.



Community Care Network

Community care eligible Veterans can identify in-network urgent care facilities and retail pharmacies by using VA's facility locator at <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>. Veterans are encouraged to call the community care provider of choice to ensure the site has available vaccines and appointments. Veterans are encouraged to download the pharmacy information card at <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/docs/programs/Pharmacy-Billing-Flyer.pdf> and present it at the community care location where the vaccine is being administered.



Why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available to me?

- **You can protect yourself from COVID-19 illness and death.**
- **A vaccine could help slow the spread of COVID-19 in hard hit communities.** According to the CDC, racial and ethnic minority groups represent 40% of the total U.S. population yet comprise nearly 60% of COVID-19 cases and 50% of COVID-19 deaths.
- **The scientific review process was thorough.** Scientists reviewed data from vaccine trials that involved tens of thousands of people.
- **In clinical trials, vaccines were effective across age, gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds.**
- **Side effects of vaccine were consistent across age, gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds, in clinical trials.**
- **Do your part.** Widespread vaccination is the best way to get us back to doing the things most important to us.

