WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will begin COVID-19 vaccinations this week at 128 additional sites using the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines.

On December 18, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, which is the second COVID-19 vaccine to be authorized.

“Having a second COVID-19 vaccine will enable us to reach more facilities and vaccinate more health care personnel and Veterans in additional parts of the country,” said VA Secretary Robert L. Wilkie. “We continue to implement our COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan and are grateful to be one step closer to seeing the end of this pandemic.”

Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, VA will continue to vaccinate health care personnel, as well as community living center and spinal cord unit residents. As vaccine supplies increase, VA’s ultimate goal is to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated.

113 VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) and outpatient clinics will receive limited Moderna COVID-19 vaccine supplies this week. They include:

**Alabama**
Central Alabama (Montgomery) VA Health Care System
Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center

**Alaska**
Alaska (Anchorage) VA Health Care System

**Arizona**
Northern Arizona (Prescott) VA Health Care System
Southern Arizona (Tucson) VA Health Care System

**Arkansas**
Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (Fayetteville)
Central Arkansas (North Little Rock) Veterans Health Care System

**California**
Central California (Fresno) VA Health Care System
Northern California (Mather) VA Health Care System
San Francisco VA Medical Center
Long Beach VA Health Care System
Loma Linda VA Health Care System
San Diego VA Health Care System

**Colorado**
Grand Junction VA Medical Center

**Delaware**
Wilmington VA Medical Center

**Florida**
Lee County VA Health Care Center
Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic
Sergeant Ernest I. “Boots” Thomas (Tallahassee) VA Outpatient Clinic
The Villages VA Outpatient Clinic
New Port Richey VA Outpatient Clinic
William V. Chappell, Jr. (Daytona Beach) VA Outpatient Clinic
William “Bill” Kling (Sunrise) VA Outpatient Clinic
Montana (Fort Harrison) VA Health Care System

**Nevada**
Sierra Nevada (Reno) VA Health Care System

**New Hampshire**
Manchester VA Medical Center

**New Jersey**
Lyons VA Medical Center

**New York**
James J. Peters Bronx VA Medical Center
Canandaigua VA Medical Center
Syracuse VA Medical Center
Albany VA Medical Center
Castle Point (Wappingers Falls) VA Medical Center
Northport VA Medical Center

**North Carolina**
Asheville VA Medical Center
South Charlotte VA Health Care Center
Fayetteville VA Medical Center
Raeford Road (Fayetteville) VA Outpatient Clinic
Greenville VA Health Care Center
Kernersville VA Health Care Center
Wilmington VA Health Care Center

**North Dakota**
Fargo VA Medical Center

**Ohio**
Chillicothe VA Medical Center
Cincinnati VA Medical Center
Dayton VA Medical Center
Columbus VA Ambulatory Care Center

**Oklahoma**
Eastern Oklahoma (Muskogee) VA Health Care System

**Oregon**
Roseburg VA Health Care System
Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics (White City)

**Pennsylvania**
Altoona VA Medical Center
Butler VA Medical Center
Coatesville VA Medical Center
Erie VA Medical Center
Lebanon VA Medical Center
Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center

**Puerto Rico**
Mayaguez VA Outpatient Clinic
Euripides Rubio (Ponce) VA Outpatient Clinic

**Rhode Island**
Providence VA Medical Center

**South Carolina**
Charleston VA Medical Center
Columbia VA Medical Center

**South Dakota**
Sioux Falls VA Medical Center
Black Hills (Fort Meade) VA Health Care System

**Tennessee**
Tennessee Valley (Murfreesboro) VA Health Care System
Mountain Home VA Health Care System

**Texas**
Amarillo (West Amarillo) VA Health Care System
West Texas (Big Spring) VA Health Care System
Central Texas (Temple) VA Health Care System
Texas Valley Coastal (Harlingen) VA Health Care System
El Paso VA Health Care System

**Utah**
Salt Lake City VA Health Care System

**Vermont**
White River Junction VA Medical Center

**Virginia**
Hampton VA Medical Center
Salem VA Medical Center

**Washington**
Spokane VA Medical Center
Walla Walla VA Medical Center

**West Virginia**
Beckley VA Medical Center
Clarksburg VA Medical Center
Huntington VA Medical Center
Martinsburg VA Medical Center

**Wisconsin**
Madison VA Hospital
Tomah VA Medical Center

**Wyoming**
Cheyenne VA Medical Center
Sheridan VA Medical Center

Sites were identified based on need for the vaccine according to [CDC’s 1a prioritization](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recommendations/special-topics/1a.html) after confirming they could appropriately store the vaccine at -20°C. Since the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine remains stable in regular refrigeration, VA expects to distribute it to more facilities when supplies are available.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine was 94 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 disease based on scientific data presented at FDA’s Vaccines and Related Biologics Advisory Committee on December 17. The vaccine is administered in two doses, 28 days apart. The side effects appear similar to those of other vaccines and are short-lived.

Thirty-seven medical centers began offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to eligible health care personnel and Veterans Dec 14. Additionally, VA is scheduled to receive another allocation of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine this week. Fifteen VA facilities plan to start administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine after they receive their allocations. They are:

- Palo Alto (Livermore) VA Medical Center
- Palo Alto (Menlo Park) VA Medical Center
- Bay Pines (FL) VA Health Care System
- Miami (FL) VA Health Care System
- West Palm Beach (FL) VA Health Care System
- James A. Haley (Tampa, FL) Veterans Hospital
- North Florida/South Georgia (Gainesville, FL) Health Care System
- Lake Baldwin (Orlando, FL) VA Outpatient Clinic
Lake City (FL) VA Medical Center
Perry Point (MD) VA Medical Center
St. Louis (Jefferson Barracks, MO) VA Health Care System
New York Harbor (Brooklyn Campus) Health Care System
Salisbury (NC) VA Medical Center
Kerrville (TX) VA Hospital
American Lake (Tacoma, WA) VA Medical Center

As vaccines become available, VA care teams will reach out to eligible Veterans to schedule vaccinations. There is no need to preregister or come to a facility to sign up.

Veterans can get up-to-date information and sign up to receive regular updates on VA’s COVID-19 vaccine webpage.