



## COVID-19 VACCINATION QUESTIONS

### PRIORITY GROUPS

#### 1. Who is eligible to receive the COVID vaccine through ICHD?

At this time, we are only vaccinating people in Phase 1A and segments of Phase 1B. State document with detailed prioritization is here:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI\\_COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Prioritization\\_Guidance\\_710349\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_COVID-19_Vaccination_Prioritization_Guidance_710349_7.pdf) )

Segments open as of January 11 in Ingham County are:

- Law enforcement
- Firefighters
- Shelter workers
- Corrections workers
- Pre-kindergarten through high school teachers, support staff who usually have direct contact with children
- Child care workers who usually have direct contact with children
- People age 70 and up.

*Note: You must work or live in Ingham County and be in one of the aforementioned priority groups to be vaccinated through ICHD at this time.*

#### 2. How will people who know when the vaccine is available to them?

ICHD encourages those who are interested in being vaccinated to go to our website at

[http://hd.ingham.org/DepartmentalDirectory/CommunicableDisease/Coronavirus\(COVID19\).aspx#8789307-vaccine-information](http://hd.ingham.org/DepartmentalDirectory/CommunicableDisease/Coronavirus(COVID19).aspx#8789307-vaccine-information) and click on the vaccine interest link (highlighted in yellow). When we reach your prioritization group, you will receive a link via email from ICHD to schedule an appointment. Others may receive a link to schedule an appointment via their eligible employer. It will be months before the vaccine becomes available to the general public.

#### 3. I work in veterinary medicine. Where am I in prioritization?

Those who interface with human medicine are group 1A. Those who work with food systems are group 1B. Otherwise, veterinary medicine is group 1C.

**4. I work for FedEx (or UPS). Where am I in prioritization?**

Priority group 1C.

**5. I work in transportation. Where am I in prioritization?**

Public transit is in 1B, but all transportation is not. Your prioritization may be determined by the industry for which you provide transportation. For instance, grocery and restaurant suppliers would be in the group 1B.

**6. I work in financial services. Where am I in prioritization?**

If you interact with the general public and provide services in person, you would be in group 1C, otherwise you would be in phase 2.

**7. I am in group 1B and not getting a link to schedule.**

ICHHD had to segment group 1B. Priority group 1B includes roughly 83,000 people. Due to vaccine supply, at this time ICHHD is only able to vaccinate approximately 2,000 new people (first doses) each week. We hope to receive more vaccine in the future and increase availability soon. If we have reached your priority group, please know that appointments for some groups filled very quickly. As soon as there is availability, you will receive a link to schedule.

**8. I have a medical condition and want the vaccine.**

Medical conditions that put a person at increased risk for serious COVID-19 infection are in priority group 1C. (See list of conditions here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html> ) At this time, vaccine distribution is based upon risk for exposure (people who must work face-to-face, critical functions (people in roles necessary for human safety/life) and age (first 70+ years old and then 65-69 years old). While some in group 1B may also have medical conditions, this does not affect their 1B prioritization. We know that this is challenging for some and are sympathetic, but we must adhere to prioritization to ensure equity in vaccine distribution as the demand currently exceeds vaccine supply.

**9. I am currently in a priority group or I have already been vaccinated. I would like to get my family members vaccinated.**

Unfortunately, a person's priority group does not extend to the rest of their family or household. We suggest you ensure family members complete the registration

form so that they will receive a notification as soon as their priority group is eligible AND appointments are available to them.

## **REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING PROBLEMS**

**1. I am 65 and have not received a link to make an appointment.**

ICHHD is currently prioritizing those age 70 and up. You will receive a link to make an appointment when we are able to take people ages 65-69.

**2. How do I get an appointment or get on a list to be notified?**

Complete the registration form available here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=APB9bkoOzkmQV8zvOU2w2BS4xo62KN1BnoBePaTOwltUQVYwTEpGTklGSzc5T01WWUMxUTJZWE dGQy4u> When we reach your priority group and have availability, you will

receive a link via email to make an appointment

**3. I missed part of the registration form or made a mistake. What do I do?**

Please complete and submit the registration form again completely and correctly.

**4. How do I make my second appointment?**

Second appointments will be made when the patient is onsite and/or in a follow up email one day after their first shot with a link to a separate appointment calendar just for second doses. The second appointment must be 21-25 days after the first. Your vaccination card indicates when day 21 is, but it is not an appointment.

**5. I will not be at my scheduled appointment and need to cancel.**

Please see the email you received when you scheduled or the 48-hour reminder email. At the bottom of the email is a black box that says "Reschedule or Cancel Your Appointment."

**6. I received a link to schedule but there are no appointments showing.**

Appointments are currently booked. Please continue to refresh/revisit the link. Times will open up for you to schedule.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND COST**

**1. Are undocumented people eligible to be vaccinated?**

Yes.

**2. Can I still get the vaccine even if I don't have health insurance or if I have a health plan that does not usually cover vaccinations?**

The vaccine is at no cost to you. ICHD will not ask for your health insurance information.

Note: Vaccination providers are able to charge an administration fee for the shot. **ICHD has chosen not to charge an administration fee to patients or patients' insurance for the foreseeable future.**

## **MEDICAL QUESTIONS**

**1. If I received a vaccination (e.g. Hep A booster, seasonal flu shot) recently, can I still get the COVID vaccine?**

If you have been vaccinated for anything (seasonal flu, Hep A booster, etc.) in the past 14 days, you should not be vaccinated for COVID-19. Likewise, if you have been vaccinated for COVID-19, you should wait 14 days after you receive your second dose of the COVID vaccine before you are vaccinated for anything else. Do not get vaccines between first and second doses. CDC says other vaccines are only allowable if it is a medical necessity (for instance, rabies exposure or measles outbreak).

**2. If I am currently taking antibiotics, can I receive the COVID vaccine?**

Yes, if you are taking antibiotics, you can still receive the COVID vaccine.

**3. If you are on blood thinners can you still get the vaccine?**

Yes, you can still receive the COVID vaccine. It is good for us to know, however, because you may bleed more at the injection site.

**4. I am on Brilinta, which is an anticoagulant, is it safe for me to receive the vaccine?**

You should consult with your health care provider prior to receiving the vaccine.

**5. If I have been positive for COVID in the last 90 days, can I still get vaccinated?**

As long as you are NOT currently positive, you can be vaccinated. If you are currently positive for COVID-19, you must complete your minimum 10-day isolation period (could be longer if you are symptomatic) at home before getting vaccinated. An individual who is currently positive for COVID should NOT go to a

vaccination site to get the COVID vaccine.

**6. Is it possible that getting the COVID-19 vaccine would cause someone to get COVID-19?**

No, there are no known instances where getting the COVID-19 vaccine has caused anyone to get the COVID-19 virus. The COVID-19 virus is not inside the vaccine.

**7. What types of side effects will I experience as a result of getting the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine?**

The most common side effects are mild discomfort and/or swelling at the injection site for 1-3 days. Some people also experience for 1-3 days: mild fever, chills, tiredness and/or headache. The Centers for Disease Control provides accurate information about side effects and what to do in the event of mild or adverse reactions here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

**8. I am homebound or I do not have a vehicle. How can I get vaccinated?**

ICHD is working with community partners to reach populations unable to travel to the mass vaccination site. To do this we may provide transportation or send special teams to certain locations.

**9. I worried about allergic reactions. What happens if I have a reaction?**

Allergic reactions to the vaccine are extremely rare but do occur. If you are allergic to one of the ingredients in the vaccine, you should NOT get the vaccine. Emergency responders are on site should you develop an allergic response to the vaccine. The ingredients are found on page 2 of the Pfizer and Moderna fact sheets found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download> and here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download> A team is on hand to address any allergic reactions should they occur.

**10. I have other medical concerns.**

Please see the Pfizer fact sheet <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download> and/or the Moderna fact sheet <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download> Also consult your physician.

**11. I am ill should I get the vaccine.**

If you are seriously ill (fever) or believe you may have COVID-19, do not get vaccinated and do not come to the mass vaccination clinic. If you have a mild

illness (runny nose, sinus infection, etc) you may still be vaccinated.

## **BASIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINE**

### **1. How many shots are needed? How many days apart?**

ICHD has the Pfizer vaccine at the mass vaccination clinic, which is a two-dose vaccine scheduled 21-25 days apart. Two doses prevents most people (95%) from getting sick with COVID-19.

The Moderna vaccine is also a two-dose vaccine scheduled 28 days apart.

### **2. What is the vaccine manufacturer?**

ICHD only offers the Pfizer vaccine at the mass vaccination clinic at this time. The Pfizer vaccine is currently approved for those age 16 and up. (Note: The Moderna vaccine is approved for those 18 and up.)

### **3. What if I want a COVID-19 vaccine made by another manufacturer (Moderna for instance)?**

ICHD only offers the Pfizer vaccine at the mass vaccination clinic. In time, vaccines made by other manufacturers may be available through ICHD and through the local health systems. If you are eligible for vaccination in another county or health system, you may inquire there. It is important to remember both doses of the vaccine must come from the same manufacturer. You cannot get one Pfizer dose then one Moderna dose.

### **4. How does the vaccine work?**

The vaccine teaches your body to recognize the virus that cause COVID-19 by getting it to make then destroy the proteins that are on the outside of the virus. The whole virus is not in the shot and it never enters your cells' nuclei (where your DNA is).

### **5. What are the ingredients?**

The ingredients are found on page 2 of the Pfizer and Moderna fact sheets found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

### **6. How effective is the shot?**

One week after the first dose, the Pfizer vaccine is roughly 50% effective in preventing COVID-19 illness. After the second dose, efficacy increases to 95%.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MASS VACCINATION CLINIC**

### **1. Where is the mass vaccination clinic?**

The mass vaccination clinic is a drive through clinic on the MSU campus. Details will be shared with you once your appointment is scheduled. Vaccination is by appointment only.

### **2. What can I expect at the mass vaccination clinic?**

Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time. You will need to show identification and possibly proof of employment if you have been prioritized due to your occupation. Once you have been vaccinated, you will be asked to wait for 15 minutes to ensure there is no allergic reaction. You will remain in your vehicle the entire time. A public restroom is not available at the clinic.

### **3. What should I wear when I go to get the vaccine?**

You should wear clothing that is easy to remove to allow the vaccinator to inject the vaccine into one of your upper arms (most commonly the left arm; but the right arm will also work). Note that the clinic is a drive through clinic, and you will be vaccinated while you remain in your vehicle