

TOOLKIT

CITY OF CHICAGO MODULE

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VACCINATING IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

See the following pages for a series of COVID-19 vaccine resources and information for clinicians and healthcare organizations located in the City of Chicago. COVID-19 vaccine operations are run by the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH).

ENROLLING IN THE BRIDGE ACCESS PROGRAM WITH CDPH

- Click the “COVID” tab, “Enrollment” view and “Start Bridge Program Enrollment”.

Reach out to covid19vaccine@cityofchicago.org for support enrolling.

VFC and Bridge Access Program Doses:

- Providers should email both covid19vaccine@cityofchicago.org and chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org to request doses.
- All VFC providers are required to stock and recommend COVID doses for all their VFC patients.
- There are a very small amount of Bridge doses available to providers through this program.

Private Doses:

- Order through the manufacturer or wholesaler.
- Same process as other private vaccine doses.

Email covid19vaccine@cityofchicago.org with any questions.

INFORMATION FOR CLINICIANS

- [Sign-up for the Chicago Department of Public Health's Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#) to receive important and timely updates related to COVID-19 vaccines and other public health news.
- COVID-19 Updates and Resources are posted on CDPH's [COVID-19 page](#).

FINDING A COVID-19 VACCINE IN CHICAGO

CITY OF CHICAGO VACCINATION SITES

The City of Chicago is operating multiple vaccination sites.

- Chicagoans over 6 months are able to receive vaccination at all City of Chicago sites.
- While generally a parent or legal guardian must accompany individuals under the age of 18 seeking vaccination, parents may now consent to their vaccine-eligible minor being vaccinated without their presence at CDPH walk-in immunization clinics, CDPH Mobile CareVan events, and certain select CPS clinics.
- No Government issued ID or insurance required.

Vaccinations are available at:

- **CDPH Immunization Clinics:** CDPH hosts immunization events throughout the city for uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid (Title XIX) insured and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP; also known as Title XXI or state-funded) Chicago residents. CDPH is currently hosting 3 walk-in immunization clinics:

Greater Lawn | Uptown | Lower West
- **Doctors' offices and pharmacies:** Families can reach out to their primary care provider to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment or search for locations near them at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).
- **CPS School-based Vaccination Sites:** is now offering the 2023 - 2024 formula of the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit cps.edu/COVID for details.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. Learn more and check for updated schedules on the [CDPH website](https://www.cdphevents.org).

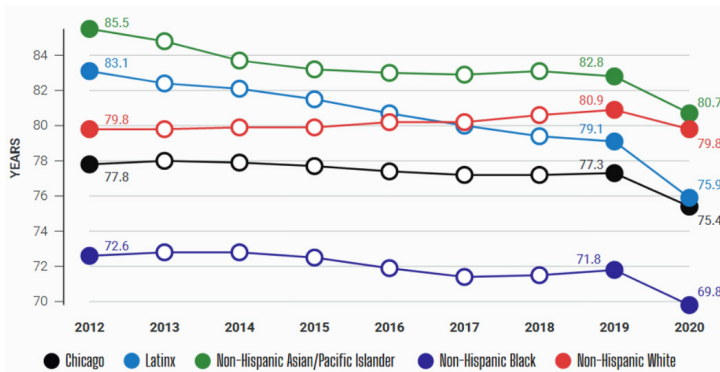
Residents can search for a [vaccination site](https://www.vaccines.gov) that is accessible to them or contact the city's COVID-19 helpline at (317) 746-4835.

CHICAGO DATA

The [CDPH COVID-19 dashboard](#) provides regularly updated COVID-19 guidance and vaccination resources.

Life expectancy in Chicago declined in 2020. The greatest declines were seen among Black and Latinx Chicagoans and the average life expectancy for Black Chicagoans is now under 70 years:

**Life Expectancy in Chicago Declined During Pandemic's First Year
with Biggest Drops among Black, Latinx Chicagoans**



Source: [Chicago.gov](#)

COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting certain races and zip codes in Chicago. [Learn more](#) about how the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines is being prioritized.

Some data may be out-of-date due to changes in COVID-19 vaccine reporting requirements. However, this data still may be a good indicator of zip codes that should be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and outreach efforts. Find vaccination rates stratified by race, zip code, resident status, and more using the [Chicago Data Portal](#).

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The latest COVID-19 guidance for Chicago residents, businesses, employers, congregate settings, schools, and daycares can be found on [Chicago.gov](#).

The CDPH's Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program offers vaccines at no cost for eligible children through doctors enrolled in the program. [Learn more](#) about the VFC program.

INFORMATION FOR CHICAGO VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROVIDERS

COVID-19 vaccines are no longer free for everyone. However, they are available at little-to-no cost for eligible kids through the VFC program.

All VFC providers are required to carry and recommend COVID-19 vaccines.

Reach out to chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with any questions about obtaining COVID-19 vaccines for your patients.



COVID-19 VACCINE WASTE

COVID-19 vaccine (317/Bride Access or VFC) expired doses are now sent back to the manufacturer. The doses will still need to be marked as waste in I-CARE, but a vaccine return form must also be completed.

Please use the following guidance to submit your COVID-19 waste transactions.

- 1 Select transaction type as waste.
- 2 Complete all required fields.
- 3 Confirm that all data is accurate.
- 4 Complete the [vaccine return form](#) and send to chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org.



Providers should open a vial to vaccinate even just 1 person. There is no penalty for wasting COVID-19 vaccine.

Navigate to Site > Vaccine > and select the lot number

| Lot | Vaccine |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 019F21A | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine [MOD] |
| 027H21B | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine [MOD] |

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Select Add Transaction

Lot Transactions

Select an Action: [Edit Lot](#) [Add Transaction](#) [Return](#)

Select Transaction type as wasted and complete all required criteria

Transaction Type:

Wastage Code:

Quantity:

Transaction Date:

Note/Comment:

Confirm Waste: This transaction will be transmitted directly to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to report your inventory that is wasted (not returned to McKesson).

All VFC shots should be recorded in I-CARE as administered doses. Attempting to balance your inventory by reporting administered shots as "Waste (not returned to McKesson)" is not an appropriate or acceptable way to adjust your inventory.

VFC providers may be required to replace any excessive or frequent reports of wasted vaccines with privately purchased vaccines.

☐ I confirm this information is accurate. I understand that I may be responsible for replacing excessive amounts or frequent reports of wasted vaccines.

Please click Cancel if you do not want to submit the wasted vaccine transaction.

COVID-19 VACCINE INVENTORY

Depending on timing and data entry, the COVID-19 vaccine inventory may or may not reflect what you have on hand at your site.

If you come across inventory problems with your COVID-19 vaccine you will need to perform an inventory and submit your doses on hand to CDPH.

Once CDPH receives your updated numbers they can perform a reconciliation to get your site up to date.

- 1 Navigate to Site > Vaccines.
- 2 Then you can copy or paste your inventory.
- 3 Correct the doses on hand/balance column for CDPH to reconcile.

| ▲ Lot | ◆ Vaccine | ◆ Type | ◆ Status | ◆ Expire | ◆ Group | ◆ Default | ◆ Balance |
|-------------------------|--|--------|----------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 012H21B | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine [MOD] | 317 | In Stock | 03/18/2022 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 0 |
| 031M20A | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine [MOD] | 317 | In Stock | 08/05/2021 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 87 |
| 038A21A | Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine [MOD] | 317 | In Stock | 09/02/2021 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 90 |
| ER2613 | Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine [PFR] | 317 | In Stock | 07/31/2021 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 6 |
| ER8727 | Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine [PFR] | 317 | In Stock | 07/31/2021 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 6 |
| FF8841 | Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine [PFR] | 317 | In Stock | 03/31/2022 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 17 |
| FK9896 | Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (EUA labeled) COMIRNATY (BLA labeled) [PFR] | 317 | In Stock | 05/31/2022 ▲ | COVID-19 | -- | 12 |

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Search:

ADDITIONAL VACCINE TOOLS & INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION TOOLS FOR CHICAGO COVID-19 VACCINATORS

[Download communication tools from Chicago.gov](#)

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION FOR CHICAGOANS

[For individuals](#)

[For seniors](#)

[For children and teens](#)

[For Latinx community](#)

[For business owners](#)

[For faith leaders](#)

