Your COVID-19 vaccine update from VA

We continue to follow our phased plan to provide COVID-19 vaccines as quickly and safely as we can. As of January 25, 2021, we've provided vaccines to:

- 382,168 of our most vulnerable Veterans

226,606 of our health care personnel who provide care to Veterans

Who can now get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA

Here's the latest info on who can now get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA:

Some VA health facilities now offer COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans who already receive care at VA and are at high risk from COVID-19. We base risk on VA and [CDC COVID-19 risk criteria](#). At many facilities, this group includes Veterans who are at least 75 years old.

Each facility will determine when Veterans in this group can get a vaccine. We'll base this decision on these factors:

- How much vaccine is available
- The needs of the local VA facility and community

The strict requirements for how we must store and handle the vaccine

If you're a Veteran who's already receiving care at VA, we'll contact you when you can get a vaccine.

Some designated family caregivers may also be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA. Vaccinating caregivers helps us support and protect Veterans.

For a caregiver to be eligible for a vaccine, both of these must be true:

- The caregiver must be enrolled in our Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC), **and**

The Veteran they care for must be currently eligible for a vaccine based on VA and CDC risk criteria.

If you're an eligible caregiver, we'll tell you if you can get a vaccine when we invite the Veteran to get one. You can [sign up to receive email updates](#) along with the Veteran.

What you should know

Here's what you should know while you wait:

[Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines at VA](#)

What you can do now

- **Please wait for us to contact you about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.** You don't need to call us or come to a VA health facility to reserve or request a vaccine. Our staff will only provide vaccines to Veterans and caregivers who are currently eligible for one based on VA and CDC risk criteria. We'll contact you when you're eligible.

  Your VA health facility may invite you to get a COVID-19 vaccine at a large vaccination event or by appointment. You may receive an invite by phone, email, or text message. If you're eligible and you want a vaccine, we encourage you to respond. But make sure the phone call, email, or text is really from VA before you provide any personal information or click on any links.

  Here's what you can do now to prepare:

  Make sure your VA.gov profile is up to date. Check your address and phone number on file with VA to be sure we have your current contact information.

  [Learn how to change your address on file with VA](#)

  [Get answers to questions about signing in to VA.gov](#)

- **Apply for VA health care.** If you're not already receiving health care through VA, [find out if you're eligible and how to apply now](#).

- **Talk to your VA health care provider.** If you have questions about how your personal risk for COVID-19 will determine when you can get a vaccine, [send a secure message to your provider](#). If you don't receive care at VA, contact your primary health care provider.

Protect yourself from scams. We'll never ask you for your personal information in an email. We'll also never include links that take you to a page that's not secure and that asks you to provide your personal information. If someone calls you about getting a vaccine, be sure to verify that they're your VA provider. For more tips on how to avoid COVID-19 scams, [go to the Federal Communications website](#)

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