COVID-19 VACCINE

Latest Updates & Resources

Indiana Department of Health

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CDC recommends pause in use of J&J vaccine

Out of an abundance of caution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. FDA issued a health alert recommending a pause in using the J&J (Janssen) vaccine due to a rare type of blood clot combined with low levels of platelets. To date, only six out of the 6.8 million people who received the J&J vaccine have experienced these two side effects. Anyone scheduled to get vaccinated at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway through April 18 will now receive the Moderna Vaccine. Watch for more information on second dose appointments.

"I want to assure everyone that this is part of the process. Getting vaccinated is so, so important. We need people to get vaccinated. Variants are here in Indiana and across the entire country."

– Dr. Lindsay Weaver, chief medical officer, Indiana Department of Health, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on April 13.

A recommendation to Hoosiers who have had the J & J vaccine

Report symptoms of a **severe headache, stomach or leg pain or shortness of breath** to your doctor. These symptoms are extremely rare and occur between six days and three weeks after vaccination. Remember: It's normal to have pain at the injection site, flu-like fever, fatigue and headache one to two days after vaccination. If you have a current appointment for the J&J vaccine, watch for a text or email message. Many clinics will temporarily offer another vaccine as an option or require appointments to be rescheduled.

Vaccine registration courtesy

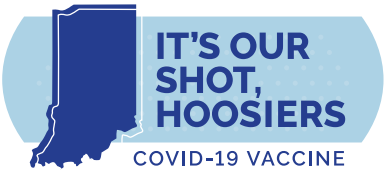
If you made more than one vaccine appointment to get the earliest date, please go back and cancel the first appointment.

- Made at a pharmacy with a custom registration site?
  - ☎ Call that pharmacy to cancel.
- Made at a clinic through our system?
  - ☎ Call Indiana 211 (866-211-9966) between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. EDT and agents will assist you.

This frees up that appointment time for another Hoosier who wants the vaccine. ***Thank you!***

Breakthrough infections

You may have heard the term "breakthrough infection." That happens when a person contracts a COVID-19 infection despite being fully vaccinated. No vaccine is 100 percent effective. Bottom line? Get your vaccine. Most fully vaccinated individuals will never get a COVID-19 infection, and those who do have a high probability of mild illness.



To date, **1,497,753** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

Pfizer seeks authorization for adolescent vaccine

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine produced favorable results in a recent study of adolescents age 12 to 15, and the company has requested an amendment to the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) granted by the U.S. FDA in December 2020. The company has EUA for people age 16 and older.

Helpful Resources

- Proof of vaccination is available at **Access Indiana.** Scroll down to the "Indiana Vaccination Portal" tile, create an account, and download a vaccination certificate.
- Register for a vaccination appointment and stay up to date at **OurShot.IN.gov** *(Chrome or Firefox).* Call Indiana 211 or 1-866-211-9966 if you have difficulty registering online.
- Ask a question on our **FAQ page.** It's updated daily.
- **Learn about V-Safe,** the after-vaccination health checker, and the new **V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry.** V-safe is also available now in **multiple languages.**
- **Indiana Area Agencies on Aging** and AARP offices are assisting seniors make their vaccine appointments.
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the **Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System** (VAERS).