

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Latest Updates & Resources



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### Full Approval For Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine

On Aug. 23, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [gave approval](#) to the first COVID-19 vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech. The vaccine was named Comirnaty and is approved for anyone age 16 and older. (Pfizer use for individuals 12 – 15 is still under [Emergency Use Authorization](#). Moderna and Johnson & Johnson continue to operate under EUA for their approved age groups.) **There's never been a better time to get vaccinated.**



### .416% is a Powerful Number

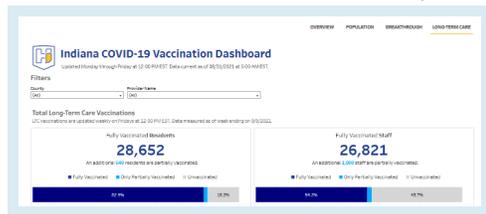


Less than one half of one percent of fully vaccinated people have tested positive for COVID-19. The vaccines work. **The current surge in Indiana is being driven by people who are unvaccinated.** Consider getting vaccinated today. Talk to your doctor, family member or other trusted individual if you have

any questions. We have lots of information on our [FAQs](#) as well.

### LONG-TERM CARE DATA

IDOH recently updated its [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#) to include information on the state's long-term care facilities. Information includes vaccination numbers for long-term care staff and residents, with details for individual counties and providers/facilities. (Be sure



to select "long-term care" in the upper right corner of the dashboard.)



To date, **3,107,722** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

### Booster VS. Third Dose

What's the difference?

#### • Third Dose:

Sometimes people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised do not build enough (or any) protection when they first get a vaccination. When this happens, getting another dose of the vaccine can sometimes help them build more protection against the disease, including COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends moderately to severely immunocompromised people [consider receiving a third dose](#) of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least 28 days after the second dose. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not included in the recommendation at this time.

#### Booster:

- In contrast, a booster dose refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to someone who built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time and needs a boost.

### SHOULD I GET A BOOSTER SHOT?



Booster doses are not yet available. Scientists say all of the COVID-19 vaccines provide good protection against the circulating variants, including Delta. Plans are in the works to offer booster doses later this fall to individuals who have had their last dose 6-8 months ago, pending approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Read details on booster guidance, data on immune responses and more on the [CDC website](#).

### FIND TESTING & VACCINE SITES

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), local health departments, providers and pharmacies statewide are expanding testing and vaccination capabilities. IDOH updates the [OurShot](#) (vaccine) and [testing](#) map daily. Mobile sites are popping up across the state, so check back often to find a location near you.

### Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can make an appointment.
- 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 at [OurShot.IN.gov](#) (*Chrome or Firefox*). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online. ALL vaccine clinics take walk-ins.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
- [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](#).
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the [Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).