

HOW TO BE PREPARED:

What to Bring When You Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine



MASK: You will need to wear it at the clinic to keep you and the person giving you the shot safe.



ELIGIBILITY: Anyone age 16 and older is now eligible. A parent/guardian must give consent during registration for minors. The preference is that the parent/guardian accompany the minor to the vaccination site. We understand this may not always be possible. In those cases, parents/guardians can provide written or verbal authorization.



DATE OF BIRTH: We will need to confirm your date of birth, but you do not need to provide a photo ID for verification. You can still get the COVID-19 shot if you do not have an ID.



INSURANCE CARD (*not required*) - The COVID-19 shot is free to everyone in Indiana. You do **NOT** need insurance to get it. However, providers can bill insurance a fee, so bring your insurance card if you have one.

What Information Do We Collect and How is It Used?

When you sign up for your COVID-19 vaccine appointment by registering online at [OurShot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov) or by calling 211, we will ask for your first and last name, birth date, sex and if you want to be contacted by text or email. Interpreters are available through 211.

Your personal information and vaccination record are put into an online database so that the Indiana Department of Health can verify who has gotten the COVID-19 shot. That information is required to be shared with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so that the CDC can verify how states use the free vaccine and can monitor for any unexpected reactions to the vaccine.

You will not be asked for your immigration status or other sensitive information, such as your Social Security or credit card number, while getting your COVID-19 shot. Everyone living in the United States is encouraged to get vaccinated when they are eligible. Getting the shot will not affect your citizenship or green card eligibility or affect your immigration status because the vaccine is a medical treatment that can help prevent disease.



Information we will ask for:

First and last name
Birth date
Proof of age or eligible employment
Sex
Phone number
Email address (optional)
Insurance card (not required)



Information we will NOT ask for:

Social Security number
Credit/debit card number
Immigration status
Proof of income
Location of birth

What Should I Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine?

- Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Taking the vaccine, along with wearing a mask, washing your hands and social distancing, are how we are working to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- The two approved vaccines are at least 94% effective at preventing you from getting COVID-19 and reducing the chance of serious illness.
- You may need to get two shots at different times for full protection against COVID-19. If you need it, you will get the second shot three to four weeks after your first at the same clinic. **Anyone younger than 18 must receive the Pfizer vaccine.**
- Getting the vaccine may cause mild side effects in some people, like sore muscles, tiredness or mild fever. This is common and should go away in 1-3 days.
- After you get the vaccine, you should still wear a mask and practice social distancing. Even if you don't get sick, you could still spread the virus to others.
- Not everyone will get vaccinated right away, so it is important to continue to protect yourself and others by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, washing your hands and staying home if you're sick.



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