

COVID-19 VACCINE

Latest Updates & Resources



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FDA EXPANDS USE OF PFIZER VACCINE

On Monday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for the Pfizer vaccine to:



- **Expand booster eligibility to include individuals 12 through 15 years of age.**
- **Reduce the time between Pfizer's primary series and a booster dose to at least 5 months.**
- **Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.**

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has [updated its recommendations](#) to include the first two authorizations. The Advisory Commission on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is expected to release guidance and the CDC to follow late today with a recommendation regarding Pfizer boosters for children age 12 to 15.

J&J VACCINE NEWS

Last month, the CDC authorized the recommendation of its advisory committee for individuals to receive an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) over Johnson & Johnson (J&J).

This recommendation is based on a rare adverse side effect among other concerns. The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) no longer offers J&J at its clinics. **REMEMBER:** Getting any vaccination is better than not being vaccinated at all. Individuals should discuss the risks and benefits with a healthcare professional.



To date, **3,568,721** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

UPDATED GUIDANCE

The CDC recently [updated its guidance](#) for quarantine and isolation. Consider this quarantine option if you need a little extra incentive to make the decision to get vaccinated:

- **If you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine if you have received all of the vaccination doses you are eligible to receive. You should wear a mask around others for 10 days after the exposure.**

Please note that close contacts should get tested five days after contact. If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, isolate from other people and follow other [isolation recommendations](#).

HOW TO FIND A VACCINE CLINIC

Check out [OurShot.IN.gov](#) or text your zip code to 438829 to find a site near you for either your first vaccine or your booster dose. Use this booster eligibility [chart](#) for reference, and remember that you can mix and match booster doses. Please note that boosters for individuals age 12 to 15 are pending approval from ACIP and CDC.

REMINDER: You are not considered boosted until 2 weeks after you have received your booster dose.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY HOURS EXTENDED



IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indy

The drive-thru clinic continues now through Jan. 22.

Please NOTE: Appointments are required from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. This clinic offers Moderna, Pfizer, the pediatric Pfizer dose for kids 5 to 11, and COVID tests. Drive-up, or schedule an appointment at [OurShot.IN.gov](#).

Dates & Times thru Jan. 22:

Tuesdays - Fridays: Noon - 4 p.m. (no appointments, drive-up only)

Tuesdays - Fridays: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. (appointment required)

Saturdays: 8 a.m. - Noon (appointments available but not required)

Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Get proof of vaccination at [Access Indiana](#). Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- 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.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
 - o Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select [Kroger locations](#). You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- [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 \(VAERS\)](#).